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Labour unlikely to join single currency in 1999

POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Labour leadership is edging towards a decision to stay out of the priest wave of a European single currency if it goes ahead in 1999.

The party's most influential fig-

ures are privately voicing serious doubts over whether a Labour government coming to power next year would want to make such a momentous move so soon after entering office.

Labour is committed to seeking the country's approval of a single currency either through a referendum or a general election, but opinion is hardening at the top of the party for that test to be delayed possibly until the general election after next. Gordon Brown. the Shadow Chancellor, appears to the only senior figure to believe that that the manifesto for the coming election should be so explicit as to give a mandate for entry without a

Both Tony Blair and Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary. layour retaining the present ambiguous stance which would mean that an election victory next year could not be seen as authorising entry. And senior Shadow Cabinet figures view the prospect of a referendum campaign in the carly months of a Blair government with horror because of the heavy weight

of constitutional and other legisla-

Were Mr Blair to want to take Britain into the first wave, he would have to make that plain by next autumn when he would have to promise legislation to make the Bank of England independent. But party leaders believe that a new government would not want to take such a controversial decision so

Mr Cook is understood to layour delaying a decision so that Britain can see how the first wave of a single currency develops before coming to a conclusion.

Senior figures believe that Brit-

ain's partners would not regard such an approach as anti-Euro-

Castle's pension plan is defeated

Tony Blair beat off his only serious challenge of Labour's conference week last night when delegates threw out Baroness Castle's demand for a £3.5 billion package to increase the income of all

stand that after being out of power for 18 years, Labour was just not ready to make up its mind. Mr Blair is reported by close

confidants to have strengthened his

not be sufficient to test the public's view and that there will have to be a referendum or a delay to a second election. But Mr Brown - perhaps the strongest single currency advocate in the leadership - shares Kenneth Clarke's reservations about a referendum, scaring that a lengthy campaign might unsettle the markets and damage the economy. Colleagues say that he might prefer to test of opinion at a second

The leadership backed a surprisingly sceptical motion in this week's debate at the Labour conference in Blackpool. It called for job levels to be included in the Maastricht criteria for qualification to a single currency, which some sceptics Britain would be unable to achieve.

Mr Cook told delegates: "Jobs

will be the bottom line by which we judge whether Britain will join a single currency. The single market would work better with a single currency. But Britain will only benefit if we can compete on level

A delay would disappoint some of the big unions. John Monks, the TUC general secretary, told a fringe meeting in Blackpool yesterday: "The choice is to go in the first wave or wait. On balance we say go for it. For once let us be in the first

The Conservatives will be deeply

are split down the middle over whether to rule out a single currency for the lifetime of the next Parliament. Conservative Eurosceptics will demand that John Major follows any toughening of the Labour line, irrespective of objections from Mr Clarke.

But the possibility of making a late entry was the very option that Mr Clarke denounced recently as pathetic. His remark set off a new Tory row with the sceptics claiming that the Chancellor had breached the Cabinet agreement of leaving all options open.

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Multiple birth woman loses all her babies

By Adrian Lee and Carol Midgley

MANDY ALLWOOD was said to be devastated last night after losing her remaining five babies and the dream of becoming the first woman to give birth to octuplets.

Miss Allwood, whose pregnancy sparked an ethical debate over fertility treatment. selective abortion and chequebook journalism, had been told on Monday that it would be a miracle if any of the babies were to survive.

Three boys had been miscarried that night and yesterday morning a girl was stillborn during an examination that took place under anaesthetic at King's College Hospital. London. Doctors then said that the remaining four foetuses were further up the womb and still moving. hut Miss Allwood started to have contractions and at 5_30 om it was announced that they had all miscarried.

The medical team had earlier stopped treating her with a drug to halt her contractions and she had been given a blood transfusion as a precautionary measure. That stabilised her condition and the doctors were surprised by the how quickly the end came. Her boyfriend, Paul Hudson, the obstetrician Donald Gibb and the gynaecologist Profes-sor Kypros Nicolaides were with her when the last four

babies miscarried. Miss Allwood, who rejected medical advice to abort some of the foetuses to give the

£500 windfall

for investors

An average £500 of shares is

expected to go to 3 million investors with the Norwich

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floats on the stock market next

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others a chance of life, had been in the 19th week of her pregnancy. She had hoped to carry them until the 24th week, when they might have been able to survive.

Max Clifford, the publicist who secured Miss Allwood a much vilified deal with The News of the World, described the outcome as a tragedy, but said: "Mandy decided that she didn't want to kill any of her babies. This is the way she wanted to do it. It was her choice. The fourth baby had been pressing on her back causing her discomfort and pain. She thought things were settling down but then this happened."

Anti-abortion campaigners last night expressed sympathy for Miss Allwood, but supported her decision to go ahead with the pregnancy. Professor Jack Scarisbrick, the chairman of Life, said he believed the loss of the babies was less sad than if the "horrible" techniques of selective termination had been

"I am very glad that Mandy Allwood said no," he said. "Her children died naturally and she did her best for them. Obviously we are deeply sorry at what has happened. But when people are told exactly what selective pregnancy reduction means, they say 'yuk' and don't want to talk about it

We say that the end doesn't

should be subject to the sovereign rule of morality."

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children said the loss of the babies was sad, but a "healthier" outcome for both Miss Allwood and society than selective termination. Phyllis Bowman, the society's director of political development, said: There was no easy way out of this. This womahn has lost her babies and she will grieve for them for the rest of her life. But she won't have the sense of guilt she would have had if she had agreed to have some of them terminated. She would always have wondered if her decision had been responsible for the deaths of all of her babies.

"We believe it is also healthier for society because we have got too used to the idea that technology overcomes all difficulties. We need to come to a more ethical view."

Roger Gale, the Conservative MP who criticised Miss Allwood for publicising her pregnancy, expressed sympa-thy but added: "Whether this situation could have been avoided if she had listened to the medical advice rather than the PR advice is something which the doctors will have to be asked. A lot of issues are going to have to be reappraised."

nied that Miss Allwood's decision to sell her story was in bad taste. Mr Clifford, who



Mandy Allwood was said to be devastated at the loss of her last five foetuses yesterday

yesterday, conceded that she had made enough money to make her financially secure, but said: "She would rather have had all eight babies and no money than be financially secure and have none."

Miss Allwood and Mr Hud-Mr Clifford, however, deson, who live separately in the West Midlands, contacted Mr Clifford almost immediately after her gynaecologist confirmed that she was expecting octuplets. A two-week contract with The News of the World was signed seven weeks ago and the newspaper featured her story with scan pictures, for which she was reported to have been paid £100,000.

According to the editor Phil Hall, a "friendly" arrangement has been in place since then under which the newspaper paid for Miss Allwood to stay at a secret address close to the London hospital. The newspaper had also secured the exclusive rights had she given birth to eight babies. Miss Allwood has made extra money by appearing in magazines and on television in Europe and America.

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justify the means. Medicine visited his client in hospital Scots spurn give-away 'millions'

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

MYSTERY Englishman claiming to be a millionaire lottery winner has been astonishing people in Inverness by trying to give his money

The fast-talking Londoner, with tattooed arms, who calls himself both Kevin and Stevie-boy, has been producing wads of notes in bars. carparks and taxis. He claims to have won a £7 million jackpol.

Yesterday surprised regu-lars in the bar of the Gellions Hotel in Bridge Street were treated to numerous rounds of drinks at the expense of the stranger. Alan Fraser said: Every time anyone went to order a round the man produced a tenner or a twenty pound note to pay for it. It was astonishing.

The man surfaced on Tuesday afternoon, exactly a week after his first visit to the area. when he had given stunned Inverness taxi driver George



Foster: astonished to be handed wads of £50 notes

Campbell by giving him a £340 tip for a £11 fare to nearby Dalcross Airport. Mr Campbell said the smartly dressed man hauled between £70,000 to £80,000 in notes out of a bag and piled them on the dashboard.

The man reportedly flew from Birmingham on Tuesday in a £2500 chartered aircraft under the name of Mr Gray, and immediately launched into a bonanza give-

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away. Local garage owner Peter Foster. 29, met him in the private car park of Inverness masonic dub. "The man first put a wad of £20 notes in my hand and then fifties. I stuffed them back in the

pockets of his jacket." The philanthropist told the embarrassed car dealer that he wanted to buy a Porsche sports car, and mentioned plans to purchase a mansion in Portree, Isle of Skye, to

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share with his girlfriend.Mr Foster was concerned for the man's safety and called the police.

Earlier the thirty-something "millionaire", tried to give his money away to other surprised locals. Taxi-driver John Bird could not believe his luck when he was given £40 for a £1.50 fare to the Station Hotel. Mr Bird said: When I told the man that I did not have change, as I had just started the nightshift, he handed me another £20."

The man is then believed to have moved on to the masonic club. But the steward called the police to remove him after he offered to buy membership of the secretive society.

At the Station Hotel, Inverness, where the man is thought to be staying, a okesman said: "Client confidentiality prevents us from talking about guests."

Camelot said it could not find any trace of a jackpot winner called Mr Gray, who had won £7 million.



colncidence — I used to be an MP too" Hamilton stays

away from No 10

Neil Hamilton, the Tory MP at the centre of the cash for questions controversy, withdrew at short notice from a **Downing Street reception last** night to avoid an embarrassing meeting with the Prime Minister Page 4 William Rees-Mogg, page 20

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Mid-East alert as Washington talks break up

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton's emergency Middle East summit broke up yesterday without any resolution of the highlyemotive issues dividing the Israelis and Palestinians.

Mr Clinton said that talks would resume in Israel on Sunday, but the summit's failure to achieve tangible breakthroughs means there is a danger the West Bank and Gaza could erupt in violence greater than that which left 70 people dead last week.

Israeli and Palestinian security forces were already on alert in case the two-day summit failed, Israeli tanks moved into position and Palesunians were sandbagging their homes and hoarding food. Even before the grim news from Washington filtered through, Israeli forces killed one Palestinian and wounded five in two West Bank clashes.

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators argued until 5 am over the issues that have derailed the peace process. Later yesterday morning Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, summoned them to the State Department for

another two hours of talks, but the Administration's constant cajoling and suggested compromises achieved nothing.

"It's finished. We didn't agree on one thing. All of the problems still remain." Nabil Shaath, a senior Arafat adviser, said after the talks broke up. A Palestinian official in Jerusalem claimed there was a "crisis in Washington" and said that the Administration was seeking to stop the Palestinian delegation issuing a statement saying the summit had failed.

Palestinian officials claimed the Israelis refused to agree a definite date for withdrawing their troops from the Bank town of Hebron.

The Israelis refused either to close the controversial Jerusalem tunnel whose opening triggered last week's fighting or allow an international commission to rule on the issue. Mr Clinton sought to cast

the summit in a positive light. Dennis Ross, the Administration's Middle East envoy. fly immediately to

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Hogg jostled by farmers at dairy show

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

DOUGLAS HOGG, the Ag- regional director, said: "I riculture Minister, was jostled and jeered by 500 farmers at a dairy show yesterday in a demonstration of anger at the Government's handling of 'mad cow" disease.

Police and stewards had to surround Mr Hogg to prevent him from being manhandled as placard-waving farmers surged foward chanting "Hoggy, Hoggy, Hoggy, out, out, out". One witness said: "I do not know what they would have done if they had got hold

Mr Hogg was guest of honour at the South West Dairy Show at the Royal Bath and West Showground at Shepton Mallet, Somerset. Some farmers could not get into a packed meeting he held with members of the National Farmers' Union and the Country Landowners' Association. Anthony Gibson, the NFU's could see the mood was turning nasty and I suggested to Mr Hogg that he should go out on the balcony of the auditorium and speak to the farmers outside. But he re-fused to do so and this made matters worse,"

Mr Hogg, looking shaken. was led to the main ring to present cattle prizes as farm-ers crowded round him. He left the ground 15 minutes

Feelings are running high after a decision last week by the European Union, at the Government's request, to cut 10 per cent from the compensation paid to farmers for culled cattle. There is discontent among farmers over the high number of old cattle still awaiting slaughter under the emerged that the human disease CJD was linked to BSE.

Nearly half of fish caught 'breaks law'

BRITISH fishermen are landed in remote parts. In breaking EU conservation rules on a huge scale, according to a report by a respected industry pressure group.

(Michael Hornsby writes). The study estimates that 40 per cent of the catch landed by Scottish trawlermen is in breach of limits on the type, quantity and size of fish that can legally be brought ashore. It says that illicit catches are

major ports they are loaded on

The widespread cheating is alleged in a report by the Scottish Council Development and Industry, a body embracing industrialists, trade unionists and politicians that seeks to promote Scotland's prosperity. It blames "absurd" EU regulations rather than the

Have-a-go granny bashes muggers who stole pension

ave-a-go gran Barba-ra Castle, 85, on a seaside holiday at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, yesterday, protested: "I'm just a simple Yorkshire girl." Castle, suspecting two other holidaymakers. Gordon Brown and Harriet Harman, of stealing from her pension scheme, had attempted to mug the entire leadership of the Labour Party. "Barbara meant well," was the whisper among party managers at the imperial Hotel last night.

she was just confused. Baroness Castle of Blackburn, in scarlet, looked anything but confused, anything but simple and pretty mature for a girl, as she took the microphone that afternoon. Nobody knows better how to work a crowd and this wily survivor of Harold Wilson's Cabinets was milking her advantage at Blackpool for all

As the debate started, Lady Castle was seated at the front. under the noses of the platform party and cool as a cucumber. In a ring around her were the nation's press photographers, sitting on the floor, snapping the variety of serene, defiant or thoughtful poses with which she entertained us. One moment it was head rested philosophically on chin: the next, chin up and eyes flashing: then she would study her notes.

She listened impassively as a series of speakers praised her. "Barbara Castle's done brilliant," said Bolsover delegate Elton Watts, in broad Derbyshire. The Cockney tones of Dave Lawrence, from Poplar and Canning Town, were raised in her cause. And there was no mistaking the



Lady Castle vesterday: triggered applause skilfully

Scots accent of Jean Bishop, from Argyle and Bute, urging the Castle line: "Conference, I appeal to your you're Labour people! You believe in Labour

It seemed that regional accents were mostly old Labour. When Matt Carter, a prospective candidate in the

obligatory dark two-piece suit and bright silk tie, began his speech in a neutral BBC voice, you knew he would be supporting new Labour. From the latform. Ms Harman, in a pink suit squared with those graph-paper lines that warn enemies against messing with her statistics, watched with she has shown through a turbulent year. They called Lady Castle to speak Every-one rose in applause as this tiny, birdlike figure in an improbable wig climbed the white stairs to the lectern.

She spoke well, adopting her usual informal "Oh — and another thing . . . style. Opinion divides as to whether this was a well-meaning little old lady speaking from the heart or a ruthless street-fighter using audience appeal to maximum advantag

Perhaps she is both. Declar-ing that "a good debate strengthens democracy" and delivering a calculated kick at Mr Brown's shins, she stabbed the lectern, called Ms Harman "dear", triggered ap-plause skilfully, then protested that the applause was robbing her of speaking time - which drew more applause, as she intended. In fact. nobody was trying to silence

Her descent from the platform, to another standing ovation, was masterful. Lady Castle is perfectly well able to walk down stairs - I've watched her often - but on this occasion she hesitated, offered a frail elbow to a young chap who ran up to help, then descended ever so carefully, as if a little in fear.

Waiting below to offer her his arm was her adversary, Peter Mandelson. Old pro meets young pro. Wags joked that she'd better watch out in case his embrace concealed a knife. But I reflected that were not for the cameras Mandelson would have been well advised to guard his groin from an elderly, but still sharp, knee.

before flipping over.

Brian Tucker, managing di-

rector of GEC-Marconi Aero-

space Systems which is now

managing the Phoenix project.

said that after millions of

pounds of extra funding had

been provided by the com-

pany, all the remaining prob-

Phoenix takes off by being

lems had been resolved.

Individuals to get Lottery awards

More than 3,000 people will share £20 million in National Lottery grants after the Millennium Commission announced it will be making awards to individuals. Awards from £1,000 to £10,000 will be given to people who work on projects in their local community. Six charities have been chosen to be "award partners" with the commission to decide where to allocate the first block of grants totalling £8.6 million: Help the Aged, Raleigh International Trust, Farmington Institute for Christian Studies, Royal Society for the Advancement of Science, Techniquest and Earthwatch Europe.

Terrorist suspect buried today

The suspected IRA terrorist Diarmind O'Neill, who was shot dead by police in London ten days, will be buried today in west Cork near his parents' retirement home in Timoleague Senior IRA members are expected to attend and Irish police say they have contingency plance to deal with disturbances.

Mortars found at IRA bunker

Irish police uncovered 21 mortar tubes in an underground IRA bunker in Co Louth close to the border with Northern Ireland. Eight mortar frames were also found. In New York police seized a cache of guns they believe may have been destined for the IRA. Two Irish Americans face charges.

Britain host to Commonwealth

Britain is to host the next Commonwealth heads of government meeting for the first time in 20 years, it was confirmed yesterday. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said the Government was "delighted" that the meeting would be in Edinburgh next year, from October 24 to 27.

Boy admits killing tramp in park

A boy aged 14 admitted killing a tramp by setting fire to him as he lay on a park bench in Eastleigh, Hampshire. The boy, appearing at Winchester Crown Court, denied murdering Alan Whittle, 50, but admitted manslaughter. He was remanded to secure accommodation for a psychiatric report.

Father denies mass murder

Khalid Mahmood, 38, a father of six who is alleged to have killed his three daughters with a knife in Bristol and then travelled to Birmingham to kill is estranged wife. Imitiaz Begum, 37, and their son, 2, pleads not guilty to murder but admits manslaughter because of diminished responsibility.

Rare snails saved with porridge

A species of rare snails has been saved from extinction with the help of porridge. Scientists at Nottingham University had earlier tried several foods on the tropical partula snails without success. Numbers of the snails, which are fed twice daily on the oats, are now increasing rapidly.

Eel slaughter investigation

The annual slaughter of sandeels in Scottish waters by Danish fishermen, which it is claimed results in the destruction of fishing stocks, is to be investigated by marine experts from the Natural Environment Research Council based at St Andrews University, among others.

Champion's baby arrived on cue

The world champion snooker player Stephen Hendry became a father yesterday when his wife Mandy gave birth to a boy. Blaine Thomas was born at an unnamed Scottish hospital at 9.15am, weighing 6lbs 902. The couple, who live in Gleneagles, married in June last year.

Troubled spy plane should now land in one piece

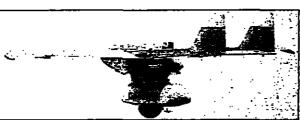
By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A BRITISH defence company explained vesterday why the unmanned spy plane it has just sold to the Ministry of Defence for £250 million still

suffers breakages on landing. The Phoenix unmanned air vehicle that will spy on enemy battlefields from about 8,000ft has had a history of disastrous crash landings during the II years of development. This

GEC-Marconi Avionics because the company appeared to have solved the problem by fitting an airbag to absorb the impact of landing.

Phoenix, with a large pod underneath fitted with thermal imaging systems, has to flip over on to its back before landing by parachute. Saul Lanyado, managing director GEC-Marconi Avionics. said that the fin tips and on



The problematic Phoenix unmanned spy air vehicle

would still break off on landing. But they could be replaced

and parachute for Phoenix had been made necessary. Dr Lanyado said, because of the

from ground staff. There was to be no runway or ground netting to catch the aircraft. The company, which now hopes to bring Phoenix into service by 1998, nine years late, originally designed the aircraft with a collapsible foam "hump". But the G-force of the landing still caused

surface and without any help

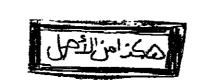
"unacceptable" damage. Now, an airbag starts to come out as Phoenix falls to

catapulted off the back of a 14 tonne lorry and its flight is monitored by a three-man ground crew.

remotely-piloted vehicle the ground in a nose-dive should be able to land on any before flipping over.







Princess

'pledged

to destroy

husband'

DIANA, Princess of Wales told her husband during their lengthy wrangle over divorce that she would do her utmost to make sure that he never

hecame king, a new royal

In a tantalising glimpse into the Princess's state of mind after her separation from the Prince of Wales in 1992, the author Ben Pimlott says that according to a friend of the

Prince's, she told him: "You

will never be king. I shall

destroy you." A footnote mere-

ly ascribes the quote to a

confidential interview. The

words appear in Professor Pimlott's biography of the

Queen, published today to mark her seventieth birthday.

Professor Pimlott, a left-of-

centre historian of the Labour

Party, teaches politics and

contemporary history at Birk-

beck College, London. He has

biography claims.

Killer 'drove for 10 days with girl's body in his cab'

in Shropshire.

Mr Farrer told the jury that

there was an overwhelming

case of circumstantial evi-

dence against Mr Morgan

that would lead them to the

A LORRY driver travelled the country for ten days with the body of the French student Celine Figard in the back of the cab of his Mercedes lorry. his cab after she was raped. It was parked outside his beaten and strangled, a court was told yesterday. brated Christmas with his

David Farrer, QC, for the prosecution, said that Stuart Morgan, 37, had murdered Mile Figard, 19, as an act of uncalculated and unmitigated wickedness". He told Worcester Crown Court that Mlle Figard, a "bright and retiring girl", was murdered after she accepted a lift from Mr Morgan at Chieveley service station beside the M4 near Newbury, Berkshire. She

was making her way to Hampshire to spend Christ-



Morgan admitted giving Mile Figard a lift and

conclusion that he alone was mas with a relative. Mr Farrer responsible for killing Mile said that for ten days Mr Morgan had concealed her Figard, an accountancy student from the Haute-Saône body on the lower bunk inside

After his arrest, police carried out DNA tests in his cab Poole while he celewhere three spots matched Mile Figard's blood group. A wife and young son.
Mile Figard's naked body search of his garage uncovered a blood-stained mattress from the cab. "It was soaked was dumped in a lay-by near Worcester on December 28 or with blood and still damp two 29, allegedly at about the time months later," Mr Farrer said. Mr Morgan, a self-employed driver, travelled from the Some of her possessions were also found at the house. South Coast to deliver goods Items of the student's cloth-

ing were recovered near a warehouse at High Ercall, near Telford, Shropshire, Mr Morgan's destination late last December along a route that would have passed close to the lay-by on the A449 road where her body was found.

It was also alleged that Mr Morgan tried to tamper with tachograph records of his lorry to conceal his detour to the lay-by. Mr Farrer said that at one stage Mr Morgan had probably planned to dismember and bury his victim. On a trip to Cornwall he bought a spade, hacksaw, and

Mr Farrer told the jury: "We say that he raped her and killed her in the cab of his lorry in the late afternoon or early evening of December 19



within quite a short time of picking her up from Chieveley service area. We say that he kept her body behind the driving seat of his lorry for very nearly ten days over the whole Christmas period. During that time, he drove considerable distances with the body

lying behind him. He showed a very cool head indeed." As the trial began yesterday Mile Figard's parents, Bernard and Martine, were in court. They have been provided with headphones and a translator to explain pro-

Mr Farrer said Mile Figard set off from her home on December 18. Rather than have her hitch-hike, her par-

ents had arranged a lift with a friend through the Channel Tunnel. She wanted to visit Britain to improve her English. She had worked the previous summer as a waitress at the Ashbourne Hotel in Fordingbridge, Hampshire, where her cousin was a trainee manager.

She evidently enjoyed being in this country and it did her English a great deal of good," Mr Farrer said. Along the way the French

driver stopped at a vineyard where Mile Figard was given two bottles of champagne. The same two bottles, it was alleged, that Mr Morgan gave away as Christmas presents. Mlle Figard and the friend

slept in the cab of the lorry at the Channel port and the next day went through the runnel to England, where they met Roger Bouvier, a French lorry driver who was going closer to the hotel. Mlle Figard agreed to travel with Mr Bouvier and at about 4pm on December 19 he dropped her at Chieveley service area. Shortly after-wards, Mr Farrer said, Mile Figard found another lift in a

white Mercedes lorry. That was the last time that anybody saw Celine alive," Mr Farrer said.

After widespread publicity about the student's disappearance, Mr Morgan shaved off his beard, it was alleged. A police description said the

Farrer said Mr Morgan accepted that he took Mile Figard on the final leg of her journey from Chieveley. He admitted he had sexual intercourse with her but claimed it was with her consent. He maintained there was no question of rape and that after a dropped her off safe and

Mr Morgan denies murdercember 18 and 30 last year.

published studies of Hugh Dalton, for which he won the suspect was bearded. Mr Whitbread Prize, and Harold His disclosure comes in a brief sexual encounter he had sound early on the evening of the December 19. That was shortly before he arrived with his lorry to unload at the Southampton container

ing Mile Figard between De-The case continues.

passage on the Princess's faceto-face interview for Panorama last November, watched by a record British television audience of 23 million. During the interview, the Princess gave a hint of her attitude towards her husband when she said that he might not be a suitable candidate to succeed to the throne, and that Prince William could well be the more desirable alternative. Professor Pimlott is scath-

ing about the Princess's television performance. It was. the author suggests, not up to the BBC's usual standards. Delighted with its prize, the BBC abandoned any pretence at objectivity, restricting the interview to the gentlest of questions, and retaking shots indefatigably to produce a fluent, and undeniably en-

grossing, package."

There is no evidence that the Princess has succeeded in her destructive intent. The divorce, finalised in August after 312 years of negotiations, has cost the Prince a reported E15 million, but he continues his public life as though nothing has happened.

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The Queen: A Biography of Elizabeth II, by Ben Pimlott (HarperCollins; £20)

Funfair boy killed through gross neglect, inquest jury decides gan family, said that he would be

A BOY who died on a fairground ride was unlawfully killed through gross neglect, an inquest jury said yesterday. Tim Morgan, 9, suffered head wounds after a water-chute carriage smashed into a metal arch

carrying fairy lights. The 60-year-old ride had been given a safety certificate two days previously. The coroner, Philip Walters, criticised the owner of Coney Beach funfair at Porthcawl, Mid Glamorgan, for his "mishmash"

maintenance of the 40p attraction. The owner, Pat Evans, 73, has already been fined £7,500 with £3,500 costs after prosecution by the Health and Safety Executive.

Mr Justice Curtis said then at Cardiff Crown Court: "Some might think that as there has been a death, a more severe penalty should be imposed. A manslaughter charge was considered and rejected by the prosecuting authority.

Yesterday Mr Walters said of maintenance at the fundair. There were no written instructions on a

daily basis. It was a situation which was a mishmash. There was no system of proper work procedures when this tragedy occurred."

The inquest jury was told that an independent inspector, Richard Cousins, had failed to notice that two bolts meant to hold the arch in place were missing because holes had not been drilled. Mr Cousins, 61, who works for LEA Inspection Services of Swansea, said he believed that he had complied with government regulations.

He said that he had made three

weeks before the accident and had walked the length of the chute. He knew the arches were safe because he could not move them. "I shook them to see if they were loose. I thought that was enough." On the ride's safety certificate, Mr Cousins wrote: "It is in a condition where it will not present a danger to the

Michael Fahey, a Health and Safety Executive inspector, told the inquest that an electrician who fitted lights to the arch should have been

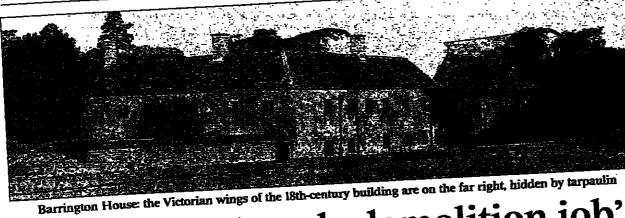
Christopher, who was badly injured in the accident on Good Friday, 1994, said: "It has taken a long time to get this verdict. We will never get over Tim's death, but someone was esponsible for it." He had taken Tim and his brother

David, 16, who was also injured, to the funfair on the first day it opened for the summer season. Mr Morgan is making a £500,000 compensation claim against Mr Evans.

John Bell, representing the Mor-

taking the case back to the Crown Prosecution Service. The verdict clearly shows that charges should be brought on the grounds of manslaughter." There had to be much more thoroughness in inspecting such rides, he added. The CPS said: "A senior lawyer

reviewed the evidence presented to us and the police were advised of our view concerning the strength of the case. We cannot comment on the nquest's findings until we examine them more closely."



Fine estate 'needs demolition job'

By IAN MURRAY

THE owner of one of the finest country homes in Britain sought permission to knock part of it down yesterday so that he can continue to live on the estate his family has run for more than 250

As owner of Barrington Park, deep in the Cotswolds. Charles Wingfield, 72 has inherited 5,000 acres of woods, farms and parklands first obtained by his ancestor Lord Talbot, the Whig politician, in 1774. He is one of the last land owners who can claim to own a village.

He regards the 250 people who live as tenants in Great Barrington as members of his own family and his attempt to pull down part of his Grade Ilisted home as an essential part of his strategy to keep the family together.

Their future is threatened by the cost of repairing and Schoolgirl tortured,

By A STAFF REPORTER

oned in a torture chamber and

sexually abused before being

beaten to death and buried in

a cellar, a court was told

Nicola Iqbal and a second

teenage girl were abducted by

Mohammed Ayub. 42 and his

accomplice Shakir Khan, the

jury heard. Mr Ayub secured

the silence of the girls. Mr

Khan and his own wife by

bearings using home-made

torture equipment. Leeds Crown Court was told. The

truth emerged when Mr Ayuh

A GIRL aged 15 was impris-

yesterday.

maintaining the two large Victorian wings built on to the neo-Palladian building designed by William Kent in 1737. According to his counsel, Keith Lindblom, QC, the cost of renovating the "unworthy extensions" of 1873 with their confusion of incompatible ornaments" will be in excess of £5 million. He told a public inquiry

that opened in Circucester, Gloucestershire, yesterday that without the Victorian additions the home would be restored as "one of the finest examples of early 18th-century architecture in England". Even more important, he said, was "the traditional and essential relationship between the house and the families of the estate and the incontestable desirability of those relationships being

maintained." If £5 million had to be

killed Mr Khan because he

feared he could no longer trust

Police were called to a house

in February 1995 in Bradford,

west Yorkshire, where they

found Mr Khan's body and

later dug up the body of Nicola

from the cellar. Mr Ayub

yesterday denied two murder

Robert Smith, QC, for the prosecution, said that Nicola

was the daughter of Susan

Iqhal. Mr Ayub's girlfriend.

Her disappearence had been

publicly explained by saying

she had gone to Pakistan.

The trial continues.

and killed, court told



letting people down

found to repair rooms that were useless there would be that much less income available to maintain the estate. Far better to pull down the "anachronistic extension" built to house a large family that no longer existed. Mr Wingfield said: "I was charged with the very great

family estate. I could not let the people here down. I could never open it to the public either because I don't want them wandering around my Robin Mills is chairman of

the Barrington Parish Council, which has unanimously acked the demolition plan. The local people are passion-ately in favour," he said. "The family is held in very great respect for all they do."
The Cotswold District

Council voted by 19 to 18 on Monday to reject the application to tear down the Victorian wings. The public inquiry will continue until Christmas. Richard Holder, of the Victorian Society which is oppos-

ing the plan, said the wings were excellent examples of the work of Macvicar Anderson, architect of the Junior Carlton Club. They show how good Victorian architecture can be in keeping with older styles,"

Solicitor gave stolen clients' cash to needy

By TIM JONES

privilege of running a great

A SOLICITOR who robbed clients' accounts to help people in need was jailed for 18 months yesterday. Julian Spurrier stole £260,000 from his firm over 412 years, using it to help people to pay for deposits on flats and to set others up in business.

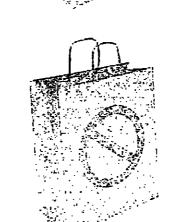
Spurrier, 50, told Maidstone Crown Court that word had got around he was a mug: "I would get drunks rubbing their palms asking for money." He had a compulsion to give money to anyone who had a suitable sob story. "I just

gave away other people's money. In other words, I stole my clients' money and it just

got worse and worse." People depended on him, he said, and often when he took money out of a bank they would be waiting outside for him to hand it over. Spurrier, of Whitstable, Kent, added: "I got a buzz out of being God.

getting people homes." Spurrier, who admitted ten charges of theft, lived frugally in a terraced house, the court was told. He was caught when the cashier at his firm, Mowll and Mowll, in Canterbury, became suspicious.

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Commission to tighten the law on corruption

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to tighten the law on bribery and corruption among MPs and other public officials are being drawn up by the Law Commission in line with the recommendations of Lord Nolan's committee on standards in public life.

The review is likely to propose a statutory offence of corruption that would make it easier to bring prosecutions for offences of bribery. The Nolan committee said the Government should "clarify the law relating to the bribery or the receipt of a bribe by a

Member of Parliament". At present it is not clear whether the courts or Parliament should try such cases. acceptance of a bribe by a member, is a contempt of court and can be punished by the House. But the Nolan report said it was "quite likely that Members of Parliament who accepted bribes in connection with their Parliamentary duties would be committing common law offences which could be tried by

Yesterday Lord Nolan said he would welcome a review of the law which was "extremely

vague and unclear". While not wishing to pre-empt the commission's proposals, he said: "Putting it shortly, I believe the courts should have jurisdiction. I can see that one could get into clashes between Parliament and the courts, but by and large I feel this is an area best dealt with in a trial by a jury."

The Law Commission, which is chaired by Dame Mary Arden, the High Court judge, has not yet yet formally announced its inquiry, but it is understood that a consultation paper will be published in a few weeks.

The present law on bribery is muddled and unclear. Prosecutions are rarely brought because of the problems of gathering evidence. The review, as well as proposing a new offence of corruption, is likely to look again at what constitutes corruption and at what point receipt of money or services becomes a bribe. The law also requires updat-

ing because of the growth in new kinds of governmental bodies such as Next Step agencies. The status of officials within those agencies needs to



Putting on a brave cheesy grin

By Emma Wilkins

CHRISTINE HAMILTON - wife, secretary and No I fan of Neil - insisted yesterday that her shopping habits had not altered because of the cash for questions affair.
"The idea that I ever used

to shop madly at Harrods is just not true. I haven't been there for eight or nine years. It's just not convenient for Westminster Tube," she said, putting on a brave face after her hosband abandoned his

courtroom battle. Hiding her disappointment under immaculate make-up, a jaunty blazer and what she called "my cheesy grin", she said: "I always believe there is no point curling up in a heap in the corner hoping things will go away. You've got to come out and face the world and

get on with things." The couple, who married in 1983 just days before the general election, have a close marriage which has become stronger, Mrs Hamilton

in the last two years when it has been difficult and I almost wish I'd married a bus driver, but then I immediately think the bus driver would have had to be Neil."

Mrs Hamilton, 46, admits to there having been tearful moments when the strain has taken its toll. "Very occasionally we have both been tempted to give up but once you've put your hand to the plough then you've got to see it

Hamilton pulls out of hostile reception at Downing Street

NEIL Hamilton withdrew at short notice from an embarrassing encounter with John Major at Downing Street last night as the full fury of the Prime Minister and Conservative Party surfaced over the "cash for questions"

John Major, Michael Heseltine and Brian Mawhinney, the Party chairman, were said to be "spitting" with rage last night over the role of Mr Hamilton in the abandoning of the libel trial against The Guardian.

Mr Hamilton had boasted yesterday that he would be going to Downing Street that night and that photographers could get pictures of me there this evening if anybody is still

But he withdrew from the reception hosted by Mr Major for the Adam Smith Institute only hours before the first guests began to arrive. He told ITN: "I'm far too busy just to spend my time in social inter-course and drinking".

One senior Tory party

source said last night: "If Mr Hamilton had not reached that decision by himself someone would have made it for

The former trade minister confirmed on Tuesday night that he had received payments of £6,000 and £4,000 from Ian Greer, the lobbyist, for the introduction of new business. The admission came 24 hours after Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer called off their battle against The Guardian. Mr Greer had been accused of paying the former minister to ask Parliamentary questions for Mohamed Al Fayed the owner of Harrods. Both men

have denied the allegation. Mr Greer, speaking yester-day for the first time about the controversy, called on the Director of Public Prosecutions to launch an investigation into Mr Al Fayed's claims that he passed on money for Parliamentary questions. He said: If he is right he is guilty of a criminal act in trying to

that the police are going to now look at Mr Al Fayed. "The matter requires the highest level investigation. This is the same man who was accused of blackmail by the Prime Minister."

bribe MPs. I hope very much

Mr Greer said that Mr Al Fayed had a grudge against the Government for refusing to grant him a British

Mr Al Fayed, in a statement, repeated his allegation that Mr Greer had told him that "an MP could be hired in the

same way as you hail a taxi", He added: "As a businessman could understand the concept that professionals in any field require payment for their services and I paid the sum that

was asked for by Mr Greer." With the controversy show-ing little sign of abating there was deepening anger in Downing Street at Mr Hamilton for plunging the Tory Party into renewed turmoil on the eve of the last conference

before the general election.

Members of the Tatton Conservative Association remained resolute in their support for their MP, Neil Hamilton, yesterday. Pattie Turner-Smith, chairman of the women's section of the association, said members were fully behind him.

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Hamilton: "too busy

Greer launches media fightback

A MEDIA troubleshooter has been hired by Ian Greer, the political lobbyist, to lead his counter-attack against the wave of sleaze allegations (Andrew Pierce writes).

John Stonborough, 47, who runs his own media consultancy, moved into Mr Greer's office in Westminster on Tuesday evening. Mr Greer insists he broke no rules by paying commission payments to MPs

Mr Stonborough, who was employed by the lobbyist when the allegations were first minutes before Neil Hamilton, the former trade and industry minister, appeared live on BBC2's Newsnight. Mr Hamilton had accepted a risky invitation to appear with Alan Rusbridger, the Editor of The Guardian, with Jeremy Paxman in the chair. Mr Hamilton is being advised by

Gerald Howarth, the former Tory MP. Mr Hamilton and Mr Howarth successfully sued the BBC over a Panora-

ma programme in 1984. The Hamilton fightback has been stalled by the absence of any public declarations of support from Tory MPs and Conservative Central Office. Most observers thought his appearance on Newsnight backfired.

Last night the Greer camp heard that further revelations were going to be published in Guardian. Mr Greer decided to hit back, and yesterday appeared on lunchtime tele-

vision and radio programmes. Mr Greer rang fellow lobbyists to test the level of support. Sir Tim Bell, who is advising the Tories on their election strategy, was one of the first to declare his support.



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Report finds evidence of psychological, rather than viral cause of chronic fatigue

### Royal colleges say there's no such thing as yuppie flu

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

PATIENTS with extreme fatique have been misled by claims that they are suffering from so-called yuppie flu, three royal medical colleges said yesterday,

Myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) is a very inappropriate term" to describe a real condition. Dr Robert Kendell, President of the Royal College of

Psychiatrists, said.
Those who use it are of the unshakeable conviction that the illness is not psychological, and that a virus is responsible," he said. "It is wrong and meaningless to make this distinction between bodily and psychological illnesses.

The report, published by the Royal Colleges of Physicians, Psychiatrists and General Practitioners and undertaken at the request of the Chief Medical Officer, says that the condition should properly be called Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. It is common, affecting 1 to 25 per cent of the population, and causes seri-

ous suffering and disability. But the use of the term ME, and the emphasis on finding a physical cause such as a virus, has not been helpful. The term ME "erroneously endorses the existence of a specific pathological process for which there is no evidence," the report says.

ME literally means inflammation of the brain and spinal cord, which are not found in sufferers from extreme fatigue. "We may have tried too hard to ascribe the condition to a specific cause," said Sir Leslie Turnberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians. "If we can't find a cause, we still have patients who need treatment.

The term yuppie flu was equally misleading, said Dr Simon Wessely, a psychiatrist from King's College School of Medicine in London and a member of the working group which produced the report.

"It's a problem that affects all a "grey area" between the

classes," he said. "Some pa-tients have very fixed beliefs about what's wrong with them and that is unhelpful."

physical and psychological

noles, leading to "controversy

and passions" inside and out-

side the medical world. He

admitted that some doctors

could be dismissive of chronic

fatigue, telling patients to

"pull themselves together"

and failing to recognise a

genuine problem.

Four charities representing

sufferers, including the ME

Association and Action for

ME, responded with a state-

ment saying that the report was biased towards psychial-

ric factors and that its estimate

of the number of sufferers was

by the general thrust of the

report, we do wholeheartedly

agree with the unequivocal

acknowledgment that this is a

genuine and seriously debili-

tating condition which is poor-

ly understood and poorly

managed by many doctors.

While we are disappointed

much too high.

The report cites more than 20 studies which have found that up to three quarters of chronic fatigue sufferers have some form of psychiatric disorder, including depression and anxiety. In many cases anti-depressants prescribed by GPs can help. In some cases the condition may be triggered by viral disease, such as glandular fever, but there is no evidence that persistent viral infection underlies the disease.

The report suggests a clear definition for the condition: six months of severe disabling fatigue that is made worse by physical or mental exertion and for which no adequate medical explanation can be

The best approach to treatment consists of graded exercise programmes - in which the patient is set gradually increasing targets — which may be combined with cognitive behaviour therapy. This involves the patient discussing the condition with a therapist and being helped to understand it better. Patients are helped to combat depression and anxiety and examine whether their underlying thoughts or assumptions might be contributing to their

Except for cases in which anti-depressants may help, drugs are seldom useful and nor are changes in diet, the report says. Prolonged bed rest or, at the other extreme, excessive exercise were equal-

ly unhelpful.

Dr Kendell told a news conference at the Royal College of Physicians in London that all those involved in the problem must realise that the distinction between the physical and psychological was





Dr Stuttaford and Ms Rantzen each found something in the report to support their conflicting views on ME

### Antagonists resume war of words

By JOANNA BALE

THE report led to a resumption of the war of words between Esther Rantzen, the broadcaster, and Dr Thomas Stuttaford, the Times columnist. Miss Rantzen was criticised recently by Dr Stuttaford, who said be was "set up" when booed and hissed by an invited audience on BBCI's Rantzen Report.

Dr Stuttaford said that the report had totally supported his view that psychological factors, including depression, can be significant. Ms Rantzen said,

report ever say that it is a kind of depression". Wrong, says Dr Stuttaford: "What it actually says is that over half the

sufferers have signs of depression."
Miss Rantzen, whose daughter Emily,
18. has ME, also says that the report supports a viral cause for the disease. The report does say that it is directly related to the virus which causes glandular fever, which was how my daughter developed it," she said.

Wrong again, says Dr Stuttaford. "What it says is that only in occasional

condition triggered by a virus, and that viruses can in no way account for the persistence of the condition."

Ms Rantzen said she found it very sad that Dr Stuttaford should be so antagonistic to the views expressed to him by patients and their families. He denies being antagonistic: "Her memory of the events are very different from my own. I am very sympathetic to people who suffer the condition."

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### **Barclay brothers** challenge TV privacy laws

By Russell Jenkins

THE millionaire Barclay brothers went to the High Court vesterday to challenge Britain's laws on privacy.

David and Frederick Bar-

clay, ol, who go to extraordinary lengths to protect their home in the Channel Islands from prying eyes, were furious when a BBC reporter turned up on Brecqhou in a small dinghy to film a documentary.

They want to change the law governing television broadcasters after they were told that the Broadcasting Complaints Commission could not investigate a complaint until after the programme had been shown. The item about the rwins' extraordinary Gothic castle was shown on BBC2's media programme The Spin last October.

Their lawyers are seeking a judicial review into the commission's interpretation of the Broadcasting Act in an action which some fear could lead to gagging orders on broadcasters. Peter Duffy, counsel for the brothers, who own The Ritz Hotel as well as The European, told Mr Justice Sedley that the case involved a discreet but important point: whether there should be a statutory mechanism for the commission to provide protection against the invasion of privacy by journalists prior to

broadcast. The case arose from an investigation by the media programme in August 1995 when John Sweeney, a reporter, gained access by boat to the island, which is separated

from neighbouring Sark by a treacherous channel.

Mr Duffy said the brothers had no remedy before transmission because the wording of the statute was ambiguous. The 1981 Broadcasting Act says that no infringement of privacy can be undertaken until the programme is "actually so broadcast". Subsequent Acts have tidied up the language but have failed to clear up the confusion.

The failure to redress an infringement of privacy prior to broadcast contravenes the European Convention on Human Rights, which guarantees respect for private and family life, he said.

Mark Shaw, counsel for the BCC, quoted ministers' remarks and said that the commission had followed a clear and unambiguous interpretation of the law. He said: "No doubt there was an invasion but Parliament has taken the view that a line has to be drawn and that line is after there has been a broadcast. If Parliament had intended the law to apply before a broad-cast it would have said so."

The BBC, represented by Robert Englehart, QC, sup-ported the commission's interpretation. Mr Justice Sedley is due to deliver his judgment early next week. The Bardays lodged a formal complaint after the broadcast. An inquiry has been held but has not yet reported its findings. The brothers bought the island in 1993 for an estimated £2.3

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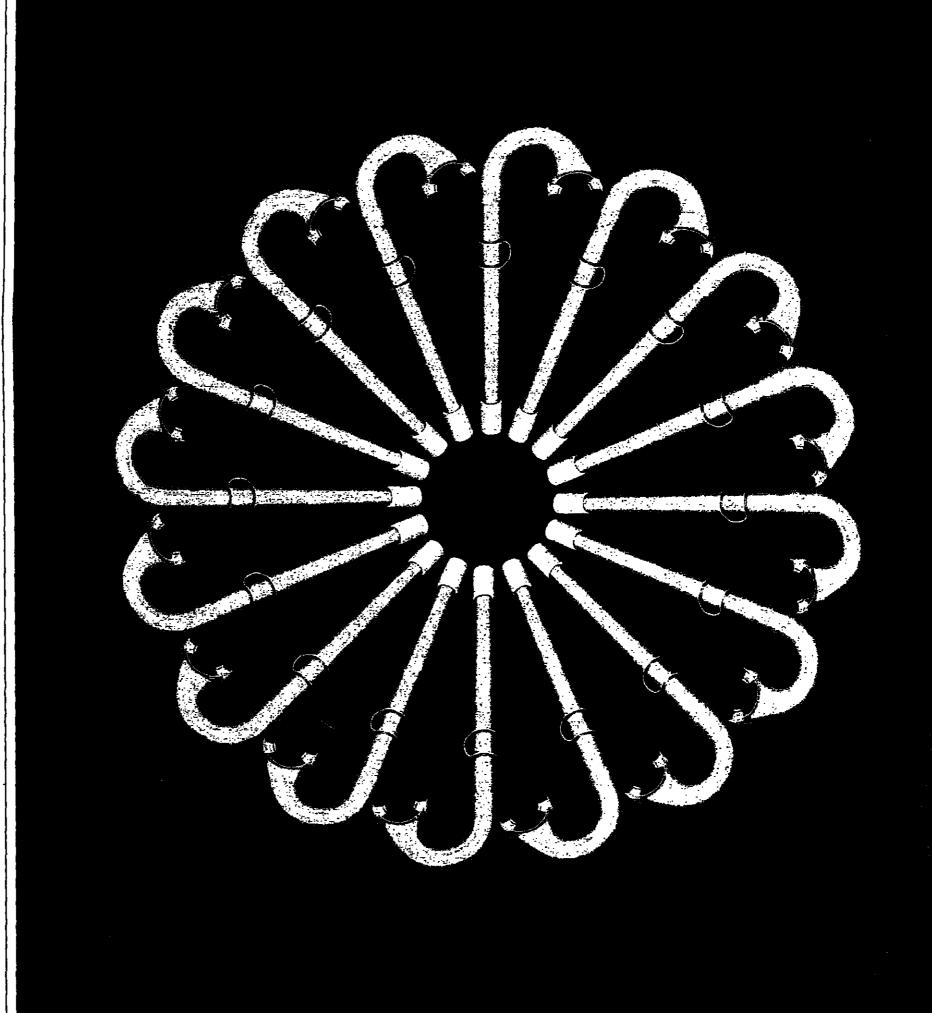
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### Roedean old girl posed as chemist to order drugs

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A FORMER Roedean School pupil was sent cocaine and heroin by a pharmaceutical company after she pretended that she pharmies planned to open a charmiest planned to open a

chemist's shop.
Rachael Salbstein, 33, whose boyfriend was a drug user, received nearly £1,500 worth of class A drugs in less than a month after placing orders in a false name. She thought of the idea after seeing a television programme about setting up a chemist's and leafed through Yellow Pages for drug companies

for drug companies.

Salbstein admitted to Portsmouth Crown Court seven charges of obtaining property by deception and supplying drugs. She and Tony Sullivan, 31. with whom she lives at Bedhampton, Hampshire, were put on probation for two years. Sullivan admitted five charges of aiding and abetting and possessing drugs.

and possessing drugs.

The drug company, Martindale Pharmaceuticals, had failed to check if Salbstein was a qualified pharmacist. An employee eventually alerted police after seeing an article in

the trade journal Chemist and Druggist warning pharmacists of the bogus chemist who called herself G.M. Pullen. Two other companies she had contacted had notified police.

Salbstein copied out the full names of drugs from a nursing guide so that she appeared to be a pharmacist. She ordered a heroin derivative, cocaine paste, used in nasal operations, and morphine sulphate, used to relieve back pain.

A courier made six deliveries from Martindale to the couple's home.

couple's home.

Sullivan told police that when the first arrived "it was brilliant — it was like all my birthdays had come". Judge Selwood ordered him to attend a rehabilitation course.

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The judge also said that the conduct of Martindale Pharmaceuticals, of Romford, Essex, was "the most appalling breach of safety procedures which ought to have been applied". The company said after the case that it had submitted a report to the



Rachael Salbstein leafed through Yellow Pages for the names of drug companies

'Had he known, he would have given his consent'

# Man in sperm case died hoping wife was pregnant

By PETER FOSTI

A WOMAN who was banned from using her dead husband's sperm to have a baby thought she was pregnant at the time of his death, the High Court was told yesterday.

The 30-year-old widow,

The 30-year-old widow, known for legal reasons as Mrs B, asked for the sperm to be taken from her husband as he lay in a coma after catching meningitis in March last year. She later discovered she was not pregnant but was told by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority that

she could not use the sperm because her late husband had not given his written consent. Yesterday, in the first court action of its kind, she asked for permission to be artificially inseminated in Britain or, if the law did not allow this, to have the sperm exported to

America or Europe, where she could receive treatment.

The case, which has been the catalyst for a wide-ranging debate on the ethics of artificial insemination, is expected

to last up to three days.

Lord Lester of Herne Hill,
QC, for Mrs B, said that his
client, in seeking to have her
late husband's child, was
being faithful to his wishes as
well as her own. The couple
had "so much wanted" a baby

together, he said.

Lord Lester said the couple had married in church in 1991 and had specifically requested the traditional service from the 1622 prayer book, which puts greater emphasis on procreation in marriage.

creation in marriage.

He said the couple had discussed the issue of artificial insemination in some detail after reading a newspaper article on the subject. It was because of their knowledge of the possibilities of artificial insemination that Mrs B had asked doctors to take sperm samples from her husband before he died.

When Mrs B's husband fell ill, the couple mistakenly hoped and believed that Mrs B was pregnant. Lord Lester said they had subscribed to a baby magazine and had made

alterations to their home in preparation. Lord Lester added: "There is cogent and compelling evidence, not disputed by the authority, that her husband approved of the use of artificial insemination in the kind of circumstances which arose in his case. This is the central and important fact which distinguishes it from

other cases.

"They had specifically thought about it. He lacked the capacity at the time to give his consent, but his wishes were well known beforehand. Had he known he was about to fall unconscious and the consent form was thrust in front of him, on Mrs B's evidence, he would have

He argued that the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority had taken an "unduly narrow approach" to the law when ordering that the frozen sperm could not be used. Under the 1990 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act, sperm donors must give written consent for the use of

eir sperm unless the dona on is made between a coupl

Lord Lester said that Mrs B's late husband's written consent was therefore needed only after his death when, in the eyes of the law, he in effect became an anonymous donor. Why should Mrs B's husband, though she had known him for several years, be regarded as a complete

stranger?" he asked.

A statement from Baroness
Warnock, who chaired the
Committee of Inquiry on
Human Fertilisation and Embryology, was read to the
judge, Sir Stephen Brown, in a
support of Mrs B's case.

in the statement Baroness Warnock said: "I feel certain, had the Committee of Inquiry considered such a case, we would have seen no ethical or public policy objections to allowing the woman to become pregnant by the use of her husband's frozen sperm, either in this country or abroad."

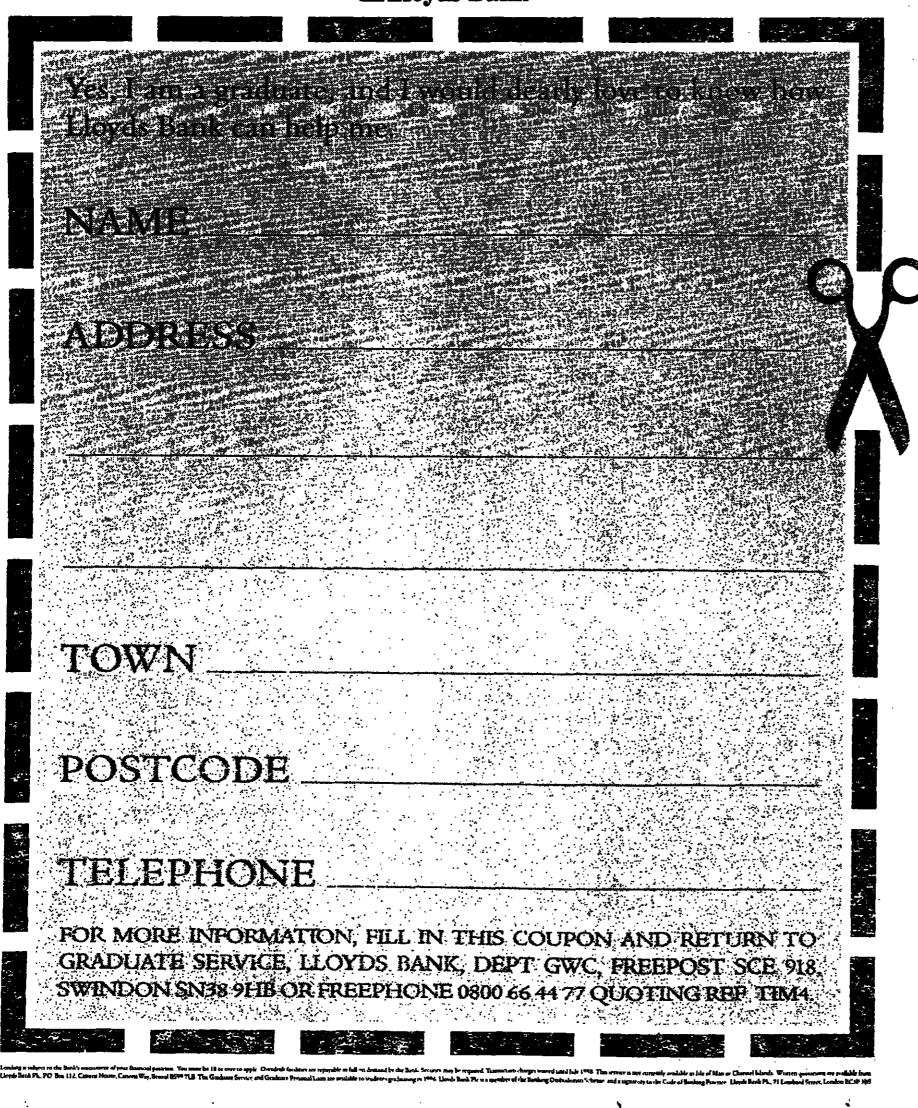
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# Massive black hole 'at centre of galaxy'

By Nigel Hawkes

SCIENTISTS believe they have proved the existence of a black hole in the centre of the galaxy which is several million times the mass of the Sun and sucks in gas and stars.

The hole, at the centre of the Milky Way, has been identified by calculations by Andreas Eckart and Reinhard Genzel, of the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics. near Munich, who measured the "proper motions" of the stars around the putative black

hole over a five-year period.

These showed that the velocities of the stars declined the further they were from the centre. just as one would expect if they were in orbit around it, they report in Nature. The velocity data also support the idea that the stars are in circular orbit, pulled into shape by the enormous mass at the centre. First results suggest that these stars are moving at

1,000 miles per second.

From the data the mass of the object around which the stars are rotating is 2.4 million times the mass of the Sun. Since there is no object of remotely this size visible in the centre, the only conclusion is it must be a black hole.

# Shame over buck teeth led student to suicide

By A STAFF REPORTER

A STUDENT from Paris whose life was ruined by her buck teeth left a 13-page suicide letter in her hotel room before plunging into the Thames, an inquest heard yesterday. She had carefully planned her death and travelled to London to carry it out the City Coroner's Court was told.

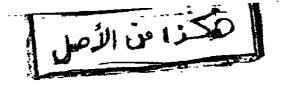
A suicide verdict was, recorded on Anne-Laure Charlette Gouliliart, 25, who died in April. Her note read: "I am going to kill myself because I have buck teeth. I will fully put an end to my fears and exhaustion. I now only have one fear, to mess it up and wake in a hospital

room in more despair."

The woman had booked into a hotel in Victoria the day before she abandoned her belongings there and killed herself. PC Nigel Selb, who dealt with the case, said afterwards: "It is a complete mystery to her family and friends why she did this. She had a perfectly normal life in

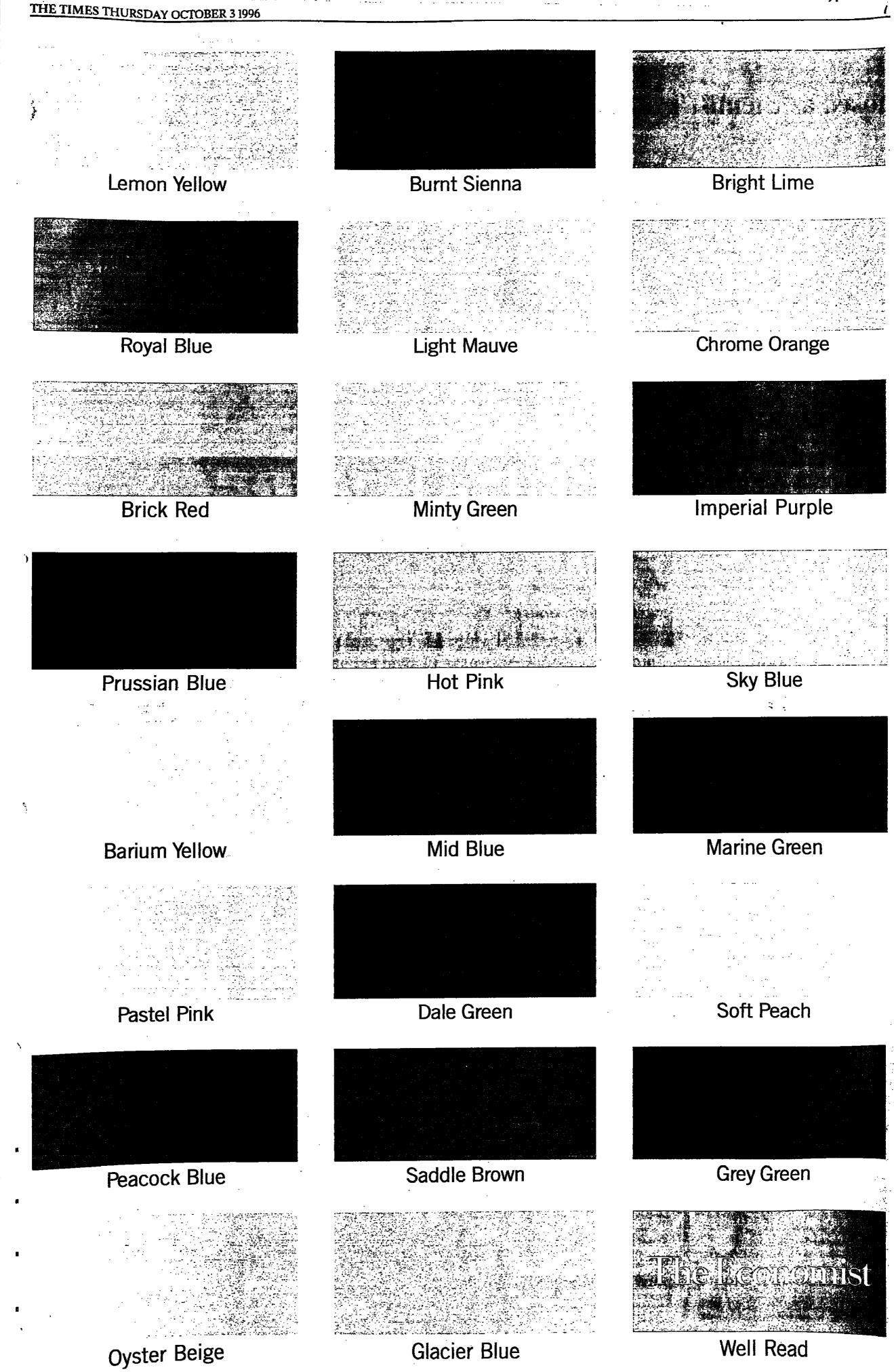
France.
"You don't know what goes through the minds of young women: they have an image of perfection and take it to the extreme. Her teeth did not protrude excessively."





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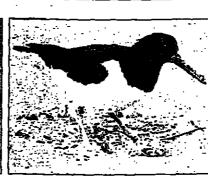
















### New survey upsets theories of declining bird numbers

By Michael Hornsby, countryside correspondent

A NEW survey of Britain's birds has thrown into confusion previous notions of declining numbers by including habitats not normally considered, such as urban and suburban areas.

The survey also suggests that some birds are staging a comeback, despite damage to their habitats from rural development and intensive farming, thanks to the European Union's much-criticised setaside policy.

Among farmland birds previously thought to be in long-term decline, linnets and yellow wagtails recorded increases of 15 per cent and 24 1995, according to the survey. the first of a planned annual bird census. It was carried out by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), representing govern-

ment countryside agencies. Set-aside, which requires farmers to leave some land fallow, might have helped linnets by leaving more undisturbed sites for feeding and nesting. If so, the benefit could prove short-lived as the amount of land farmers have to leave uncropped has been halved this year. Of almost 100 species of breeding birds monitored, 27 increased, 12 declined and 58 remained stable, a much less gloomy picture than has emerged from most recent studies. Greylag geese, stonechats, sand martins,



The sandmartin, left, showed an increase, but jays were among species showing the most striking decline

marsh tits and ravens recorded population increases of between 35 and 169 per cent, Golden. plovers, oystercatchers, jays, mute swans and swallows suffered the most striking declines, ranging from 17 to 63 per cent. Ornithologists said the find-

ings were encouraging but cautioned against reading too much into one year's figures. They said some of the results would be corrected in subsequent counts.

Mike Everett, of the RSPB, said: "Previous monitoring has concentrated almost exclu-

sively on farmland and woodland habitats and has had a strong bias towards southern England, the most intensively farmed area. This probably led to underestimates of the overall size of bird populations. The new survey is nation-wide and includes upland

grassland, heaths, bogs and other habitats, including urban and suburban areas. This should give a truer picture, particularly of birds not heavily dependent on farmland and woodland. Urban areas support many birds." An apparent 169 per cent

increase in greylag geese is being treated with scepticism. Chris Harbard, also of the RSPB, said: "We know that the geese, essentially farmyard birds that have gone wild. have been on the increase, but there is no way they could have gone up one and a half times in a year."

Ornithologists are more confident of some of the other findings. Increases in numbers of goldcrests (up 30 per cent), wrens (14 per cent) and robins (II per cent) are attributed to the mild winter of 1991-95. However, their numbers may have been adversely affected by the harsher and longer 1995-96 winter.

Richard Bashford, of BTO, who co-ordinated the survey, said: "Many summer migrants did well, including whitethroat, chiffchaffs and

willow warblers, probably because of good rain and feeding conditions in sub-Saharan Africa where they winter. This meant more of them returned here and produced more young," The sur-vey confirmed that, while some farmland birds may have recovered, others are still in decline, among them swallows, kestrels and builfinches

Ornitholgists were sun prised by the big drops recorded in mute swans and golden plovers by 22 per cent and 63 per cent respectively. Mr Ever-ett said: "We are pretty certain the golden plover figure was distorted by the inclusion of large numbers of migrant birds of passage in the 1994 count. The apparent decline in swans is more mysterious as all other recent surveys show they are increasing."

### Consumer Marshall champion aims to revive role

By Robin Young

THE Consumers' Association is seeking to revitalise its role as a campaigning political

pressure group.

The organisation, which publishes the Which? group of magazines and has almost 750,000 members, is doing the rounds of the party conferences touting a manifesto called Making Markets Work. which catalogues the reforms the association would like the next government to initiate.

Stephen Harris, director of communications, said yesterday: "We are trying to get back to the role CA had in the 1970s. During the 1980s consumerism became confused with consumption. Legitimate consumer concerns were pushed aside while attention focused on how much money people had and how much they were spending. We still see that with all the talk about the 'feel-

Mr Harris said the present Government clearly attached industry and other producers. "They attach very low value to consumer interests. The deregulation initiative is a much clearer indication where this Government is coming from than the Citizen's Charter," he said. "If consumers had even an equal footing with producers in the Government's consideration there would not have been the terrible mess in

the Government's reactions to the BSE crisis," he claimed. Mr Harris said the association had identified six key areas. Campaign teams have been established in the fields of communications, health, including food, personal finance, public utilities, redress and transport. "From now on we intend to punch our weight." Mr Harris said.

☐ A call for higher standards among professional hodies in-volved in drafting wills was made by the Consumers' Association after a survey found that more than a quarter were incorrect or confusing.
In a survey of 51 wills. reported in Which?, a panel of legal experts rated 15 as

"poor", 24 were "average" and

only 12 were "good". Leading article, page 21

### **Stables** fire man in court

A man commended for his actions during a stable fire that killed four racehorses appeared before Swindon magistrates charged with causing criminal damage. Brian Simpson, 43, from Wroughton, Wiltshire, spent three days in hospital after being dragged unconscious from the fire at the trainer Jim Old's complex. He was bailed until November 28.

#### Tokyo jailing

John Irvine, 25, from Jersey. was jailed for five years by a court in Tokyo for importing 1.5 kg of opium into Japan. Irvine, who admitted the offence, was arrested after arriving on a flight from Thailand. He was also fined the equivalent of £5,900.

#### Rapist jailed

Ian Clarke, 24, of Rainham Kent, who followed a 14-yearold girl home from a railway station, forced his way into her house and raped her, was jailed for ten years at Maidstone. The judge ordered that he should be strictly supervised after release.

#### Festival returns

The Glastonbury Festival is to return next year with places for an extra 20,000 music fans after being cancelled this summer. The move will increase capacity to 100,000 for the event, to be held on June 27, 28 and 29. A park-and-ride scheme is planned.

#### Turned turtle

A giant leatherback turtle has been washed up on the Isle of Lewis. The slightly decomposed creature about 7ft by 4st, is believed to have come from the mid-Atlantic or the Caribbean. It was believed to be the first to be found on the island in ten years.

#### Clock voice dies

The actress who provided the voice for Britain's first speaking clock has died aged 90 in a nursing home in Bury St Edmunds. Suffolk. In 1936 Jane Cain won a competition to declare over the telephone: "At the third stroke, the time will be ..."



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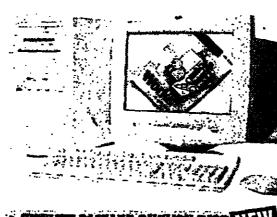
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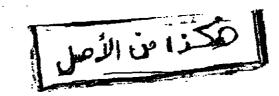
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### 'She could not accept Germany ending the century a winner and her own nation a loser'



### How Thatcher used tea and tanks to outgun Kohl

His book, entitled I Wanted

German Unity, is part of the public fanfare to mark Herr

Kohl's 14 years in office: at the

end of the month he overtakes

Konrad Adenauer's record

tenure. But it is also neatly

timed to revive mixed memo-

ries of Lady Thatcher's views

on German unification, the

of weakness "

BARONESS THATCHER was a driven woman who, according to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, never let him get a word in edgeways. Whenever he tried, she used to snap at him not to interrupt

The German leader's observations, laced with occasional respectful asides about the former Prime Minister, appear in his memoir of the unification years that was launched with much pomp in Bonn yesterday. The Chancellor, it seems, cannot chase away the ghost of Lady Thatcher, who was the one leader who openly stated her distrust of German ambitions

We had fierce arguments on several occasions. As a rule it went like this: she talked at an unbelievable speed and did sixth anniversary of which fails today. Herr Kohl recalls that at a not let me utter a word. When

I tried, after a while, to open my mouth she snapped. Don't Nato summit the discussion interrupt me! You're talking centred on the medium-range all the time!" Herr Kohl noted nuclear weapons to be stathat Mrs Thatcher used the tioned in Germany. "Margateapot, rather than her handret Thatcher spoke the whole bag, in her negotiating tactics.
"Whenever the atmosphere time about cowardice without naming names. Everybody grew icv. she poured out tea. It knew however that she was took me a while to work out referring to me because I was why: that she regarded readiopposed to the deployment of ness to compromise as a sign the missiles."

On another occasion, the Chancellor recalled the competitiveness of the British leader. During a troop visit in Germany, Lady Thatcher and Herr Kohl climbed into tanks for the photographers. It natusomewhat longer to squeeze into the turret and Mrs Thatcher seized the moment

.. Lady Thatcher seized the moment, got in ahead of the Chancellor and pulled the trigger. "Margaret shot first and, of course, she hit the target." he recalls

and pulled the trigger. "It was quite right that Margaret shot first and, of course, she hit the

The Chancellor's main grudge against Lady Thatcher despite the current controversy over her "Alf Garnett" views on Germany - was her initial reluctance to accept

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German unity. But in the book, he passes over this with surprisingly gentle irony. In Cambridge in March 1990, he recalls, she honoured my efforts to keep united Germany within Nato and in duing so tried to give the impression that she was always for unification". Lady Thatcher's chief problem, writes the Chancellor, was that she could not accept the possibility that Germany would end the current century as a winner while her own statesmen and women.

nation, twice threatened by the Germans, could emerge as a loser. She was stuck, according to Herr Kohl, in an outdated vision of history, a 19th century balance-of-power philosophy. The Chancellor confesses to confusion at Lady Thatcher's rapid shift in temperament.

expressing amazement at how she could one moment radiate warmth and the next switch to cold-blooded attack. But he appears to have valued her honesty. "Margaret Thatcher, this highly talented, determined and respectable woman who always stuck to her views, fought openly and did not try to go behind my back, a quality that I highly respect." Praise for Mrs Thatcher's honesty may have been directed at the French, whose doubts about German unity were never expressed with full candour, even though Herr Kohl has only pleasant words for the late

The book is a polite memoir. as belits a leader still in office. He is the last of the principal actors on stage in 1989-90 to give his view of German unification: George Bush, Lady Thatcher, Mikhail Gorbachev, M Mitterrand, James Baker and Hans Dietrich Genscher have all had their say. They show broad agreement on the substance but clear differences of emphasis. Herr Kohl is nicer to Mr Bush than was Lady Thatcher. Mr

The Chancellor had to be persuaded to write the book by one of his collaborators, the trusted tabloid journalist Kai Diekmann. The other co-author is best known as a biographer of Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda chief. The Chancellor's views were dictated late at night in the Chancellery and the book was put together at his Austrian holiday home. There are few surprises in it, only the occasional sharp insight into the personalities of other

Herr Kohl swears that he will not write a full autobiography and, for the time being at least, his most revealing work is a cook book, bringing together recipes from favourite restaurants and pitstops in Germany. Its authenticity has recently taken a knock. On a talk show last month he said he used an astonishing 18 eggs to make crème caramel, his favourite dessert. He may not be as expert a cook as the recipe book makes out and there are suspicions it may have been ghosted.

Mitterrand.

Bush, in turn, is harsher than



Mitterrand: recalled with affection by Kohl

### The trouble with Helmut: 'He is so German!'

By MICHAEL DYNES AND PHILLIP WEBSTER

THE majority of Britons may have believed the war with Germany ended in 1945 but for Baroness Thatcher the enmity never really stopped.

Her uneasy relationship with Helmut Kohl, whom she regarded as a sty, German "provincial politician", was set against the backdrop of her own anxieties over German economic power and her resentment at the Franco-German relationship in

Lady Thatcher's most cutting remarks about the Chancellor were usually made in private. But occasionally they leaked into the public domain. In her Downing Street memoirs, Lady Thatcher wrote: I always had the highest regard for Helmut Schmidt's wisdom, straight-forwardness and grasp of international economics. Sadly. I never developed quite the same relationship with Chancellor Kohl."

Their prickly relationship was the talk of senior diplomatic circles for years. They iust found it hard to be logether. Things were not helped when the workaholic Prime Minister, on holiday in Switzerland, decided that she and the resting Herr Kohl should meet in Austria.

The story goes that after taking what he felt was quite enough of Lady Thatcher's lecturing, Herr Kohl left, pleading another appointment. The frustrated Prime Minister went out for a walk, only to find Herr Kohl with his aides in a café gorging

himself on cream cakes. At

Herr Kohl's home town of Oggersheim, he offered Lady Thatcher a traditional Bavarian dish of pig's stomach, which she duly consumed, although clearly did not enjoy. Herr Kohl did much of the talking about the future of Europe and told Sir Charles Powell, Lady Thatcher's adviser, that he hoped he had got over to her that he was a strong European. Relieved to return to the sanctuary of her VC10. Lady Thatcher kicked off her shoes and declared: That man is so German!"

When she lambasting Herr Kohl for his failure to master his brief at summit meetings, Lady Thatcher was denouncing him for his "grand gestures" and "gushes of Euro-enthusi-asm". Bitter quarrels over the nace of European integration, the future of Nato and the speed of German unification led to many a "handbagging".

He never said it in public,

but few were more relieved at her fall from power in 1990 than Herr Kohl. However, he showed a compassionate side on the fateful night when she failed to secure a majority in the first ballot of the Tory leadership election. Lady Thatcher heard the result at the British Embassy in Paris and then went off to a dinner with world leaders. As luck would have it, her neighbour was Herr Kohl who, as he sat down beside her, declared: Mrs Thatcher, it is my duty for the next two hours to cheer you up."



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### Party plays big brother to Westminster hopefuls

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR parliamentary candidates have received a set of Big Brother" instructions on how they should prepare for Westminster, including which hotels to choose, who to employ, and what to tell the bank

Donald Dewar, the Chief Whip, has also advised candidates to visit Westminster before Parliament assembles so that they "can pace around the buildings" and find their bearings before their first day. It informs candidates that the whips' office has a list of people seeking to work for Labour MPs and is compiling a list of suitable hotels.

The instructions, which warn candidates that loyalty and unity will be essential, are contained in a guide to party candidates that has been distributed at Blackpool.

The document includes advice ranging from travel arrangements, computer facilities, and the inner workings of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP). In a section entitled Accommodation in London, it advises MPs to stay in hotels at Westminster for the first few months. "The Additional Costs Allowance more than covers four nights a week in a reasonable hotel. The whips' office is presently compiling a list of suitable hotels in the Westminster and Victoria areas and with luck will have negotiated preferen-tial rates for Labour MPs in time for the next Parliament." In the longer term, MPs may want to buy or rent in London, it says. The whips office clerks keep a file of estate agents and property rental

On hiring staff it warns of the pitfalls of advertising. This will result in hundreds of applications which have to be scrutinised and replied to -quite a daunting task especially with no staff to help."

It discloses that the PLP office keeps a file of CVs of people seeking to work for Labour MPs. You may consult this file but it is important to note that a candidate's inclusion in the file does not constitute any kind of "seal of

It also advises candidates to negotiate an overdraft with



their bank manager. "You will have to pay out for accommodation, petrol and some office expenses then reclaim the money from the Fees Office on a monthly basis. It may take up to six weeks from spending the money to getting it back. You may well need to discuss this issue with your bank manager at an early stage, particularly if you have had no

income during the election

The document, which assumes a Labour victory, devotes a big section to the importance of party discipline after the general election. "Only once the general election is won will the real work

campaign."

nothing if a Labour government cannot get its legislation onto the Statute Book and build a platform for a second term." To achieve this, it says. the Parliamentary Labour Party must command a con-tinued majority in the House of Commons.

"In adversity this majority can be tested on a daily basis. Unity and ability to act in concert is, and always has been, the cornerstone of Labour movement power. It will be no different in the Government led by Tony Blair."

Mr Dewar's latest demand for unity comes as the party reviews its disciplinary procedures. There is speculation that there will be a crackdown

Yesterday party sources described the guide, written by Mr Dewar, Nick Brown, deputy chief whip, and Doug Hoyle, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, as a standard document. A spokesman said it was designed to give candidates a guide to the Commons and the pressures MPs will be under when they

BT cut 10% off national daytime calls.



Jackie Stacey, senior presentation officer, who arranges everything from the lavish set to the shape of the water tumblers

### Showing Labour in a good light

FORGET the spin-doctors. The mastermind of presentation responsible for Labour's slick image at the Blackpool

conference is Jackie Stacey. Mrs Stacey, 38, decides what colour of paint looks good behind Tony Blair, what type of set he should speak from and what music should accompany his entrance to the hall. With her team of party workers and technicians, she is the big speeches, the lighting, the autocues, even the shape of the water tumblers for those on the platform.

Since she took over the job in 1993, she has stage-managed and choreographed the party's press conferences, public meetings, and party conferences. This week she can be seen wandering the Blackpool conference hall quietly issuing orders to her staff through a radio

Mrs Stacey, a mother of two, has

responsible for the videos that precede worked for the party for ten years, and explains that an understanding of the party is essential to her work. "It is my job to make things look as good as possible," she says. "I don't get involved in policy. I just think about presenting what they come we with in the hear warm." what they come up with in the best way.

She denies that Labour has now become the past-master of style without substance. "Everybody knows that if you have not got good policies, the presenta-tion will look like a sham. The presenta-

### Adrenalin and kindness create feel-good factor

apparatchik or an MP I never actually spoke at a Conservative Party conference. I took the view, in any case, that only heroes or lunatics — the ratio of them is a matter for judgment — speak either at Tory conferences or in the 1922 Committee

At the beginning of this week I didn't know whether I would seek to speak at Blackpool. It seemed important to listen, get a sense of the dynamics of conference and observe what works in speeches and what doesn't. I find it impossible in cold blood to prepare a speech with which I can be happy. Until I can imagine the audience, the political atmosphere, the physical reality, it's all too remote. The stimulus isn't there and the effort is all

By late on Tuesday night the adrenalin was flowing enough for me to decide to have a go. Conference was kind and I feel good having

I went off at lunchtime to chair the Shelter fringe meeting. It was very well attended, perhaps because of what New Labour might call the uncovenanted fine weather, perhaps because it's in the folklore that you get a better buffet with Shelter, but in truth simply because it was a Shelter meeting. For 30 years Shelter has been one of those pressure groups that have been remaking our democratic culture. The professionalisation of politics has meant less independence of both thought and utterance on the back benches, and the development of the media has extended the forum decisively beyond the Commons. A campaigning group like Shelter, combining expertise and passion, has ensured that its field of concern remains prominent, and that MPs and journalists have no excuse for ignorance. At a previous meeting, organised by Demos, I made the point that, while pressure



better quality of debate, in the end politics cannot just be the pursuit of single issues to the ultimate. It must be about the reconciliation of interests. It does have to be about hard

our democracy that Labour is able to persuade young people to extend their own political commitment beyond pressure group activity to parliamentary politics. The statistic that haunts me from the last general election is that only 43 per cent of 18-24 year

olds voted at all. ☐ An electrifying speech by Barbara Castle was matched by a consummate and coura-Harman. I think I can imagine Harriet too, in the very distant future, as an elegant old lady subversively holding conference in the palm of her

☐ One MP who has attended more party conferences than anyone should offered me his advice as an old sweat. If you watch the debates on TV in your bedroom, he observed. it's easier to keep up with your laundry. He'd better be careful the red doesn't run from the "Good Old Labour" Tshirts on sale at the Tribune

■ Alan Howarth is MP for

### 20mph speed limit planned at schools

By James Landale

LABOUR is planning a 20 mph speed limit outside schools to improve the safety of children, Andrew Smith, the Shadow Transport Secretary, announced yesterday. An initiative to set up "safe

routes" to schools is also envisaged. Businesses and residents along the route could join a scheme under which they kept an eye on pupils as they went to school. The pedestrianisation of certain streets is also a possibility.

Andrew Smith, the Shadow Transport Secretary, told the Labour conference in Blackpool that he would shortly begin consulting with police, schools and local authorities to see how the plans could be put into practice. Mr Smith hopes the lower speed limit will cut the rising number of accidents involving children outside school.

He also hopes to cut traffic congestion around schools by encouraging parents not to take their children by car. If

the routes are safer. Mr Smith believes parents will feel happier about letting their children go to school unaccompanied, on foot or by bicycle. Labour will examine safe routes" run by councils in west

London and Leicestershire. The announcement came in Mr Smith's first conference speech as Shadow Transport Secretary. He reaffirmed Labour's commitment to a "publicly owned, publicly accountable" railway and pledged to re-regulate the bus system. "We will use the formidable

powers of the regulator and a publicly-owned British Rail to meet clear goals: to improve the network and to win lots more passengers and freight on to rail." he said. Although there were some calls for a complete reversal of rail privatisation, a motion by the RMT rail union committing Labour to start bringing the railways back into public ownership in its first term of government was not called for debate.

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### Even a bold Blair government unlikely to join EMU first wave

The main difference between the parties on Europe is that a majority of Tories regard a single currency primarily as a constitutional question and most on the Labour side see it as an economic one. So for many Tories it is an absolute matter of principle, and for most Labour MPs and trade unionists it is a relative issue of economic advantage. It is almost impossible to envisage a re-elected Tory Government recommending entry. For a Blair Cabinet, the decision would be more one of balance, of timing - when, not whether.

The divisions within both par-

ties on Europe are less important than the different way the issue is viewed within them. Of course, many Tories worry about the economic side of EMU and many Labour MPs recognise the constitutional implications. But there is a difference of priorities, of sticking points. Labour takes a different view of sovereignty, not taking an absolutist view of the supremacy of Westminster but believing it can be shared, via devolution and a Bill of Rights. For a large number of Tory MPs, there can a basic constitutional principle. These fears are shared by some,

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mainly older, Labour MPs such as Peter Shore, Nigel Spearing and Austin Mitchell. For most on the Labour Left, economic arguments are central - though they are concerned about the lack of democratic control over the European

Central Bank. The main worry on the Labour Left is the broadly Keynesian one that monetary union will be too deflationary — that tight targets for inflation and public borrowing Left emphasises real, as opposed

to just financial, convergence. Robin Cook talked on Tuesday about the need to set objectives for unemployment, though the Labour leadership has not wanted to tie its hands with specific job

Most of the Labour Party is now at home in Europe. Labour local authorities look to Brussels for regional grapts and trade unions. of course, back the development of European social policies, including the social chapter.
The case for British involve-

ment was presented last week in a pamphlet, Jobs, Growth and Security, by 14 MPs headed by Giles Radice, the chairman of the European Movement, but including members across the Labour spectrum. And, at a fringe meeting yesterday, John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, argued that "on balance, we say go for it — for once let us be in the first wave". The Labour leadership is more cautious, hoping to stick until after the election to the formula that the decision will depend on the economic conditions at the

time. Gordon Brown would like a

position to join, if it wanted to do so. He would like the wording in the manifesto to be seen as providing a mandate for such a decision without the need for a referendum which would involve lengthy uncertainty and

But other leaders, including Tony Blair, believe that "the full consent of the people" will require endorsement via either a referendum or a second election. Mr Cook also takes this view and, in addition, is wary of taking such an economic leap until it is clear that EMU works. Hence the view that Labour government to be in a a Blair government would proba-

any event, so much needs to be done before Britain could enter legislation to end the opt-out. to make the Bank of England operationally independent and to pool reserves — that there is almost 2 force of inertia against entry in the first wave.

A Blatz government would have to act quickly and boldly if it wanted to be in at the start. That now looks unlikely, but it must still be a 30 or 40 per cent chance if Labour has a big enough Commons majority.

PETER RIDDELL

### Castle is defeated in battle to win higher pensions

By JILL SHERMAN, ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

TONY BLAIR came through his only serious challenge of Labour's conference week last night when Baroness Castle of Blackburn's call for higher spending on pensions was comfortably defeated.

The leadership's determination to be tough on spending was backed as, by a three to two majority, delegates threw out the veteran campaigner's demand for a £3.5 billion package to increase the income of all pensioners. Mr Blair needed the victory to deflect Tory claims that in government Labour's rigour

vould weaken. But after two days of negotiations by Mr Blair, Gordon Brown and John Prescott with union leaders and constituency activists, the leadership got its way. The Shadow Chancellor spent yesterday lunchtime trying to win over 100 delegates to his cause.

Lady Castle's defeat came in spite of an emotional conference reception for her as she criticised Harriet Harman. the Shadow Social Security Secretary, and Mr Brown. Attacking the Shadow Chancellor's ambition to cut the rate of tax to 10p for low earners. she said it would not give a penny to the three million pensioners who were too poor to pay income tax.

humour and history to reject the compromise pension review out forward by the national executive and call for a decision before the general election. In a speech that was applauded as much in nostalgia as for its contribution to the debate, she accused "the backroom boys" behind the Labour leadership of being unable to grasp the trickier

tivity Minister in 1974. She joked that any applause would eat into the the threeminute time slot she was allowed for her contribution. In the event she exceeded her time by at least five minutes.

aspects of pension policy.

which she had wrestled with

as Employment and Produc-

To rapturous applause she told the Conference: "If we are to have a proper meeting of minds and thrash this out as civilised people, statistic against statistic, then we must have a level playing field. We must ask this platform to withdraw their [policy document | Security in Retirement." Lady Castle called for an immediate review of Labour's

that the plan would not be an "orgy of spending". She mocked suggestions that she might take part in the proposed pensions policy review, but brushed aside

pension policy. She insisted

ing the boat when the leadership wanted unity. She said: "I'll tell you one thing, comrade: that debate has put the pensions issue right back in the centre of our policy. That is what we want, that's where it should have been in the first place, not left off the list of a Labour government's five

Officials were expecting a tight vote, with the result largely in the hands of the constituency delegates, who now make up 50 per cent of the conference vote. Lady Castle was defeated in a card vote.

Winding up the debate, Ms Harman promised that the review would look at the state pension, including the earn-ings link, the second-tier pension, including Serps and community care. But she gave no firm pledges and there was little indication that the leadership would change its position

before the general election. We owe it to them not to make promises we know we can't keep and that we know could threaten our chance to help them in government. But deliver is that for the first time government, pensioners will be listened to directly, their voices heard on the key issues that affect them."



### Heroine who revels in face of strife

BY ALICE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

A WOMAN of 85 with failing eyesight, a frail, stooping figure and a halo of copper

hair yesterday posed the greatest threat to the new Labour leadership so far. When Baroness Castle of Blackburn took to the platform to a standing ovation, she reminded new Labour for a moment of what it had left behind. Ostensibly she was talking about better rights for pensioners, but Lady Castle, using flaming oratory, was arguing for another era when the likes of Harriet Harman were still wearing dungarees rather than power suits.

She could hardly be seen over the rostrum, but she had lost none of the

and was the perfect heroine for the cloth caps and pensioners. "I believe that good debate only stimulates democracy," she said and Tony Blair groaned. "I am a simple Yorkshire girl," she added, then

savaged a wincing Gordon Brown Lady Castle was well prepared for her fightback. The night before, dressed in a shocking orange jacket, she had led the Tribune rally enthusiastically evoking the name of old heroes such as Nye-Bevan and talking about universal rights. They are misery merchants. people who say we cannot afford to help the poor and elderly," she said.

She has no spin-doctors or aides, but relies instead on stiff gin and bitter lemon, cigarettes and a proper Blackpool breakfast. When a young man offered to help her onto the stage, she retorted. "I'm showed a shapely leg.

He day began at 7am speaking to breakfast television and flirting with the camera crews before going to have her

hair set. She had a nap after lunch, excusing herself as being "a little tired" but she was revelling in her fight for a restoration of a link between pensions and earnings. In one week she has appeared on Breakfast with Frost, seen off the Newsnight crew and done ten radio interviews. The Shadow Chancellor has tried in vain to woo her over drinks. Ms Harman had tea with her toexplain that her proposals would cost £5.. billion. But as soon as Lady Castle arrived in Blackpool she declared: "This is war. They are fighting dirty because they are frightened."

### **Nationalists** launch air attack

The Scottish National Party buzzed across the Blackpool craft towing a banner that proclaimed "New Labour — New Tartan Tories". Brian Wilson, Labour's campaigns spokesman, condemned the stunt, saying that the nationalists were behaving like atten-tion-craving children. He added This is not the first time the SNP have copied the tactics of the lunatic-right

#### Homes pledge

Labour would restore a statutory obligation to provide permanent housing for homeless families, funded by a phased release of the proceeds of the sale of council homes. Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary said.

**Education goal** Labour promised to cut class sizes in Scottish primary schools and abolish the Government's nursery voucher scheme Helen Liddell, Scottish edcucation spokesman.

Today's business

place for every child.

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Morning: Joan Lestor and Clare Short on foreign affairs and overseas development, defence and development. Afternoon: Jack Straw on home affairs; Mo Mowlam on Northern Ireland; George Robertson and Ron Davies on devolution: Tom Clarke on civil rights for the disabled.

### Prescott recalls 1992 election 'horror'

By ALICE THOMSON

JOHN PRESCOTT rallied Labour troops for the coming general election yesterday and promised that a Labour government would clean up "sleazy Tory" politics.

The deputy Labour leader reminded the conference at Blackpool about what it was

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like when they "woke up in horror", on April 10, 1992, to He showed a "video nasty" of Tory Cabinet members, and the hall hissed. the "devastating defeat" of the last election. Launching "Op-The scandalous revelations

eration Victory", he declared of the last few days make it that they had to remind people more vital than ever that the "what the Tories have done to Nolan committee Jon standards in public life) looks into our country. Let us remind ourselves of this sleazy, disthe issue of party political graced, divided and despicafunding," he said. ble excuse for a government".

Telling members to work to

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return Labour to power, he declared: "Knock on doors and talk to friends. We have to reach the public. On the phone or in person - and through their letter-boxes or on their

This is about victory. About winning the election. And there is nothing more important than that."

### Blunkett sees off revolt on selection

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

DELEGATES were sharply divided over demands for a oan on selection in education. Left-wing calls for the abolition of selective grant-maintained schools were widely supported, despite pressure from the leadership to drop the demand. A motion backed by almost four in ten delegates criticised party policy makers for setting up "centres of excellence" for the most able children rather than "concentrating on the education of the

Although the leadership defeated the motion, by 62 per cent to 38 per cent, the debate reopened internal divisions and threatened to divert attention from a series of announce ments from David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary.

He gave details of the plan for a citizens' service programme under which unemployed young people would volunteer for paid community work. Under the £30 million plan. 100.000 Millennium Volunteers aged from 16 to 25 would be recruited by 2000.

Mr Blunkett confirmed olans for literacy summer schools to help children who are falling behind in their education. "We are proposing that anyone a year or more behind at the age of 10 or 11 will attend a three-week summer school belore transferring into secondary education."

He also pledged to start work on the £3 billion bucklog in school repairs, to phase out the assisted places scheme and to provide improved teacher





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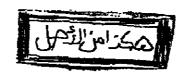
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Government league tables 'unjust'

### Private schools to chart success with less able pupils

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

INDEPENDENT head teach ers voted yesterday to introaged 11 or 13 to allow the achievements of schools working with less able students to be recognised.

The Headmasters' Conference believes that the Government's examination league tables are unjust. It is concerned that while highly academic schools such as Eton College, St Paul's School and Westminster School regularly top the tables, based on A-level and GCSE grades, middle-ranking schools are downgraded in comparison, even though they might have helped less able pupils to

make rapid progress. The concerns of the conference, which represents 250 of the country's most exclusive private schools, echo those of teachers in state schools, who say that government league tables fail to reflect the achievements of inner city schools coping with pupils from deprived backgrounds. The Secondary Heads' Association, which represents state school heads, has asked for

details of the tests. A single 45-minute test which could be used to predict GCSE grades in every subject is being developed for the Headmasters' Conference by the Curriculum, Evaluation and Management Centre at Durham University. It will be taken by all new pupils aged II or 13 and the results used as a baseline to show the "value" that schools added to pupils'

performances. Tony Evans, chairman of the conference and head of Portsmouth Grammar School, denied the plan was merely a way of attracting publicity for low-ranking schools struggling to attract

Students at Exeter University are being offered smartcards in an experiment to make the campus cash-free. The photocard acts as a phonecard and a discount card at university sbops and allows access to halls of residence. Students put up to £50 into an account for the Mondex card, run by NatWest bank, which lets users pay for goods or services until the money runs out.

seeing the value we ourselves add to pupils performance. Tables as they are currently construed and presented are not just to the labours of the individual schools and their lum tests for 11-year-olds could

Carol Fitz-Gibbon, centre

activities, for example, how

quickly can you match errors

in spelling and symbols."

John Moore, head of King's School, Worcester, and chair man of the conference's academic policy committee, said: "It is fairer to all schools to take into account the ability of the material they receive and to judge what they do with it, rather than judge something very predictable.

We could all write down the top schools in August, based on raw results, before the results come out. If you have a well-designed valueadded test, there should be equal opportunity to do well."

The tests will not be compulsory but no schools opposed the system in a vote by head teachers at the conference's annual meeting in Glasgow yesterday. In practice, the most academically successful schools will still feature at the top of a table based on grades, alongside a table likely to be headed by less selective schools which have been able

to "bring on" less able pupils.
The 12,000 11-year-olds and 23,000 13-year-olds expected to join conference schools next



Cutting edge: Lord Gowrie yesterday, condemning the "Ministry of No"

# Jowrie attacks Treasury plan Cut arts gra Dalva Alberge, Arte Wrie, the

LORD GOWRIE, the chairman of the Arts Council, yesterday attacked government plans to cut its grant for 1997-98 by at least £3.2 million. He described the Treasury. which he said had informally warned the council of the cut, as "the Ministry of No".

Lord Gowrie spoke of feeling "sorrow and anxiety" over the situation. He said: "The Treasury is cunningly and wrongly using the fig-leaf of the lottery to do this."

He said there was "confusion in the public mind expertly exploited by the Treasury - between the rules that govern the lottery awards and the rules that govern the grants that we make for the support of the arts with money from Parliament".

He said that as the National Lottery was established to cover capital costs rather than running costs, millions of pounds were being spent on new buildings that would become empty shells because the artists inside them would be unable to keep going.
"We can build shining new

cannot fund what goes on inside them," Lord Gowrie said. "Now the Arts Council is not only being cut in real terms; it is being cut in cash

The council's grant for 1996-97 is £186.13 million, which represents a reduction in real terms of 9 per cent since 1992. 93. Mary Allen, the council's secretary-general, said that arts groups would close if public support dwindled any further. She said that many groups were already on the brink of collapse and some had cut back their activities so drastically that there would soon be little left to justify a

The outcome will be extremely damaging," she said, adding that galleries were having to raise sponsorship to pay for staff as well as programmes because public funds did not go far enough. She said: "What the Government always said would not happen is happening. Sponsorship is no longer the icing on the cake but the crucial part."



### Banker's contest is investment in future of music

By Dalya Alberge

AN INVESTMENT banker who describes himself as "just a music lover" has set out to transform the public perception of contemporary music. John McLaren, a director of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in London, has brought together leading musicians to establish the Masterprize international competition for composition.

Noting how few new pieces were being regularly performed and how few contemporary concerts he had ever felt inspired to attend, he decided that something had to be done. "Right now, too little music is winning enough hearts and minds to secure an assured place in the world repertoire," he said.

The winner will be awarded £25,000 and an EMI recording release, and the 15 shortlisted works will be broadcast around the world. The public will not only have the chance to familiarise themselves with the new sounds but be able to vote for their favourite — along with the celebrity jurors, who are yet to be named.

The great cellist and con-ductor Mstislav Rostropovich is to be the patron. "This idea has touched my heart very deeply." he said. Performance of their work was vital to composers; without it "it is composer's death", he said. Music is an expression of the human soul - and new music is its lifeblood to us, the

The 15 shortlisted composers will have their work performed by the BBC orchestras. The work of the final six will be performed by the

London Symphony Orchestra under Daniel Harding, the 21-year-old wunderkind conductor, at a gala concert at the Barbican in April 1998 and distributed as a CD with 200,000 copies of BBC Music Magazine. The organisers are seeking a "genuine popular element".

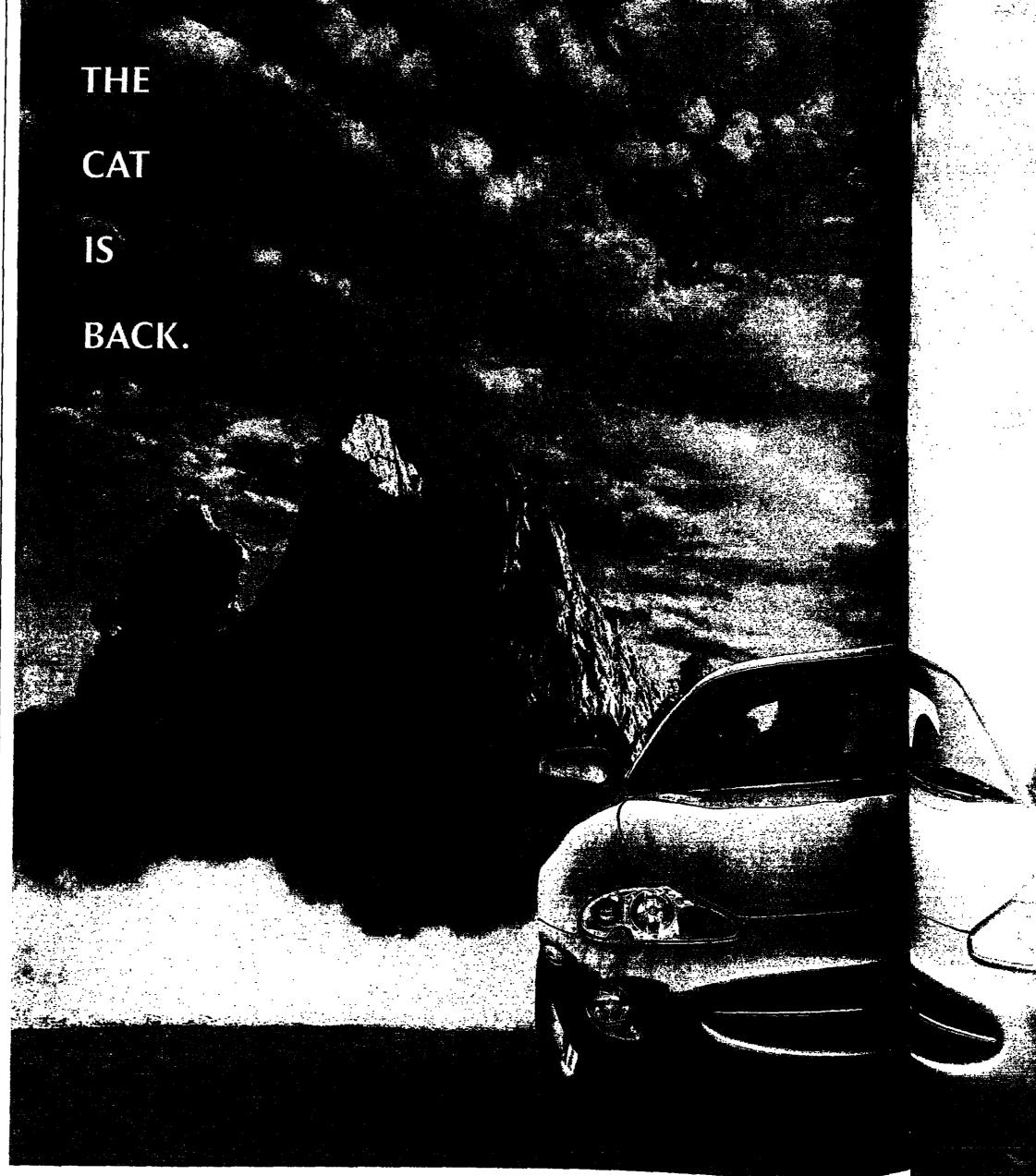
"Unless people hear a work more than once, it won't work". Mr McLaren said. The competition was intended to encourage "the writing of music that has a lasting appeal - rather than for a colerie of contemporary music fans".

Composers of any age and from any country can enter. They must submit a work for full symphonic forces lasting eight to twelve minutes that has not been published. broadcast or sold as a recording. The identity of the entrants will initially be kept from the jurors. "Tippett could enter." Mr McLaren said. "If he happened not to be chosen, it could remain his private matter."

Private donors have made the venture possible and negotiations are under way with

Cathy Graham, executive director of the Society for the Promotion of New Music, welcomed the initiative.

"People may not like a work
after one hearing but they may like it after ten." she said. "Quality work needs more time. This is extremely exciting, important for really raising the profile of contemporary music. There may be superb pieces that haven't been discovered yet."



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### Taleban troops mass for attack on tunnel

are massed at the mouth of the strategic Salang Tunnel in northern Afghanistan, waiting in high spirits for the order to march. These are the "holy warriors" who have conquered most of the country in barely two years: they are fired with a sense invincibility.

A heavy machinegun points into the highway tunnel. Heavy guns stare down from the surrounding Hindu Kush mountains. Just beyond the other end, 1.6 miles away, the forces of General Rashid Dosturn, the Uzbek warlord of the north, are waiting. The two sides are locked in negotiations to avoid fighting: if there is war, it will be intense.

Taleban's immediate target is not General Dostum. The dream of these ragged, black-turbaned fighters is to destroy utterly the forces of the Government they ousted from Kabul a week ago.

The vanquished army of Tajiks, led by Ahmed Shah Masood, the military chief of the toppled regime, has reto its traditional



Christopher Thomas at the Salang tunnel, left, highlights its vital military role in winter, linking north and south Afghanistan

Valley, 30 miles beyond the tunnel to the northeast. Some Taleban forces have swept in a wide arc round the tunnel and have reached the entrance to Panjshir, where skirmishes have already taken place. Lorryloads of extra Taleban

troops poured north along the Salang highway from Kabul yesterday to reinforce the 6.000 men at the tunnel. The delay is agonising for the boisterous fighters. The road is littered with the hulks of Russian T64 tanks, monuments to the victory by

American-backed Mujahidin against the Soviet Union. hose last troops left in 1939. Many of those former Mujahidin are now preparing to fight for their lives in the Panjshir. Such are the twists and turns of Afghan conflict.

Mullah Lambat, 35, a Tale-

ban commander at the timnel. is confident of swift victory over the government forces. "We can defeat them in two days. All we need is the order to go ahead." One day he would lay down his guns, but not until Alghanistan was united under Taleban and faithful to Islam.

Such is Taleban's morale: a far cry from the exhausted, war-weary government sol-diers, tens of thousands of whom have abandoned General Masood, whose exploits in the guerrilla war against the Russians are legendary. He captured Kabul in April 1992, only to lose it 52 months later. Now he is fighting to stop his army disintegrating. Taleban has reinforced its

firepower with captured government weapons. The small town of Wolang, two miles from the tunnel, is being used as a garrison and looks like a machineguns, rocket launch-

ers and artillery.

This is bleak country: tree-less, waterless and rocky, and already cold at night as winter approaches rapidly. In a month or two the entire area will be under several feet of snow. The Salang highway will then be the only direct link between north and south, making the tunnel a vital military objective.
Taleban soldiers spend their

days cleaning weapons, lounging in commandeered houses and fiddling endlessly ern mouth. with walkie-talkies. They are itching to hear the order from Taleban headquarters in the southern city of Kandahar to press on to Panjshir. That will not happen until negotiations



The Salang highway, along which Taleban soldiers travelled before massing at the tunnel's southern mouth

complete. He is doubtless powerful enough to block their advance and he has the option of blasting the tunnel's north-

Taleban commanders have no doubt that their men will, in due course, take over the five or six provinces under General Dostum's control. "He can lay down his guns

with General Dostum are and live in peace or we will complete. He is doubtless attack," said Mullah Lambat, a veteran of the guerrilla war against the Soviet Union. He has spem 17 years at war. His fighters are young, teenagers mostly, all filled with the romance and glory of jihad.

They forget that General Masood, with tonnes of shells and ammunition in his armoury, might spring some

bloody surprises. He has al-ready blocked the road into the tunnel. Lorryloads of melons and onions move south: decrepit buses bring people fleeing possible fighting; old taxis are laden with people Panishir by starting a landslide with explosives. Taleban commanders know he will not be defeated easily, for all the and suitcases.

braggadocio of the command-Everybody knows that Afers and the young fighters at ghanistan's seemingly interthe front line. As talks continue, General towards a decisive battle, be it with General Dostum or Gen-Dostum and Taleban are allowing normal traffic through eral Masood, or both.

### Palme suspect 'tried to murder Nkomo

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE ...

ANTHONY WHITE, the former Rhodesian Selous Scoutcommando alleged to have assassinated Olof Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister, in 1986, is wanted by the authorities in Zimbabwe for questioning over ivory smuggling and the unexplained removal of his file from the immigration department, police sources said yesterday.

The interest of Zimbabwe's police and national parks departments in Mr White further muddles the hack-ground of the marksman and explosives expert named this week by Dirk Coetzee, the South African death squad hief, as Palme's killer. Mr White has denied the claim.

Known to friends as "Anf", Mr White became a lesser Southern African legend in the late 1970s for three alleged attempts to assassinate Josh-ua Nkomo, then head of a guerrilla movement fighting

Mr White, it is claimed, was sent to the Zambian capital. Lusaka on a one-man mission in 1978. Colonel Ron Reid-Daly, commander of the Selous Scouts, wrote in his book, Fop Secret War, that Mr White's car was so packed with concealed explosive that it resembled an enormous

daymore mine". Mr White spent five weeks



White wanted by police in his native Zimbabwe

positioning the car along a route he expected Mr Nkomo to use, intending to detonate it from a safe distance as the nationalist leader passed. But each day Mr Nkomo took a different route and Mr White returned home after Lusaka

muggers broke his nose. In April 1979 Mr White was allegedly part of a commando unit flown to Lusaka twice to launch a military assault on

Business associates in the Mozambican port of Beira, where Mr White runs a small factory, say there is no hint that he is involved in anything but his busy hardwood furni ture export business. "This is a small town, and we know who the cowboys and the hoodhums are," said one busi-nessman, who asked not to be

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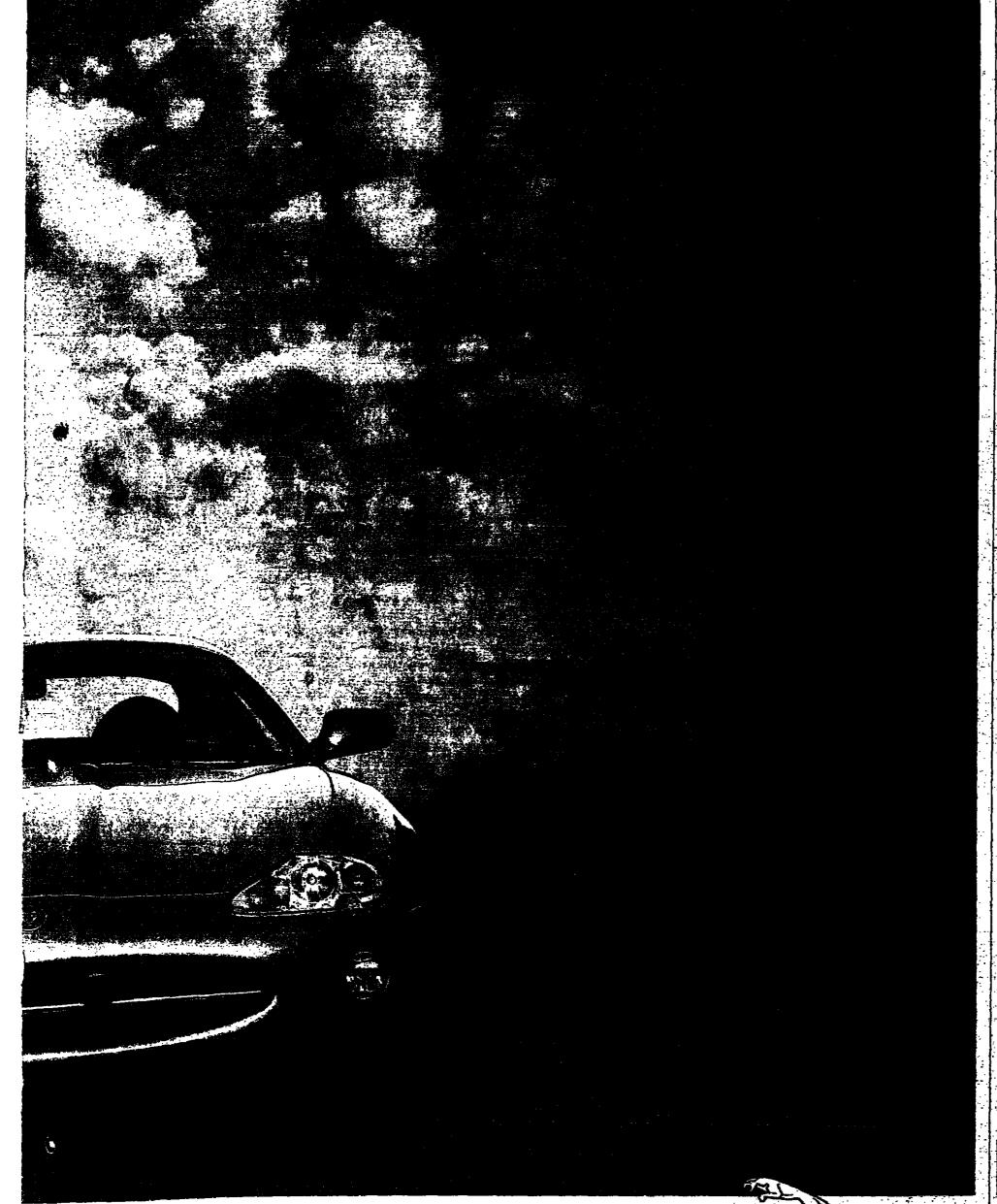
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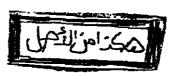
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By ROGER BOYES

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The Chinese favourite to

win the prize this year, poet

Bei Dao, probably owes his

place on the shortlist to

Goeran Malmquist, the Sinol-

ogist regarded as one of the

most dynamic members of the

academy. He has been a loud

campaigner against the mass killings of pro-democracy protesters in Peking's Tiananmen Square in June 1989.

A study of the academy's

gests that poets are unlikely to

be honoured in consecutive years. Last year Seamus Heaney, the Irish poet, won

For the same reason, an

English-speaking writer is

also unlikely to win this year.

This would seem to rule out a surprise victory for Bob Dylan, the rock songwriter

and musician, whose name

has been out forward by an

The breakdown of the vot-

ing will not be known for 50

years because the academy is almost as jealous of its secrets as the Vatican. The idea is to

maintain the traditions of the

academy set up in 1785 by

King Gustav III. But the effect

of so much social conserva-

tism is a preponderance of

rather academic judges such as Johannes Edfeldt, 92,

whose literary breakthrough

came with a novel entitled

High Mass written in 1934.

The average age of the judges

is 72, and membership of the

academy is assumed to end

Stockholm: A group of Russian soldiers' mothers which has campaigned for

better conditions in the mili-

tary was among four winners

yesterday of the Right Liveli-

hood Award, Sweden's so-

Other winners were Herman

Daly, an American economist,

George Vithoulkas, a Greek

homeopathic physician, and

the Indian group, Science

Writers' Forum of Kerala. Mr

Dalv's award carries no purse:

the other three winners share

\$250,000 (£160,000). *(AP)* 

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THE Swedish

which will announce today

the winner of the Nobel Prize

for Literature, is a deeply

divided club dominated by

squabbling professors, lexicol-

ogists and introspective

That is the judgement of many Swedish literary critics

and some of the academicians themselves. Knut Ahnlund,

the literary historian. has been boycotting its regular Thurs-

day meetings in protest at its failure to condemn Iran's

fatwa against Salman Rushdie, the author of Satanic Verses. Three dissidents have

condemned its cowardice. Others complain that some

members are too closely asso-

ciated with publishing houses

Swedish kroner (£705,000), is

the world's most coveted award for writers. Yet the

decision-making is odd, al-

most random, compared to the reading maruthon and de-tailed shortlists involved in the

Of the 18 academicians, six

are professors with an appar-

ent preference for Scandina-

vian writers. The secretary of

the academy — its public persona — is Professor Sten

Allen, whose main contribu-

tion to literature was a com-

puter study of the frequency of

the words in, that, from, how,

is and the in the Swedish

language.
Dr Allen is an able enough

administrator, but he has been the butt of the dissidents

with his insistence that the

academy must steer clear of

political statements, thus

abandoning Rushdie's cause.

The academy is, in fact, highly

political. It is in the middle of

an argument with Stockholm

city council about controver-

sial traffic-flow plans, and at

least one key judge. Kjell Espmark, is a sharp critic of

the Swedish social welfare

state. His novels often contain

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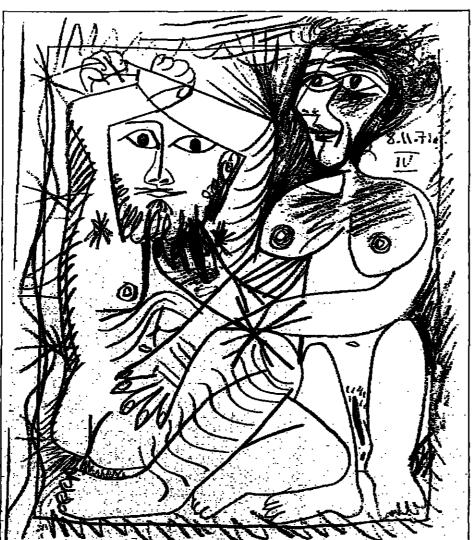
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Two of the Picasso drawings, among the last works completed by the artist, included in the exhibition opening in Milan today. Experts have rejected doubts over their authenticity

### 'Kama Sutra' drawings reveal Picasso as lusty nonagenarian

FROM RICHARD OWEN

IN MILAN THE organisers of a controversial exhibition of late erotic art by Picasso yesterday dismissed doubts over the authenticity of some of the drawings, saying the collection — the last drawings completed by the artist before his death in 1973, aged 92 — was a "potent hymn to life".

The drawings go on show today at a newly opened arts centre in a renovated 19th-century palace ad-

joining La Scala theatre in Milan. They are certainly testimony to the triumph of a lust for life over old age. Picasso was an extraordinary force of nature," La Repubblica said. "It was thought everything that could be said about him had been said but apparently not. This is a vital and unashamed Kama Sutra."

The collection was given by Picasso to his chauffeur. Maurice Bresnu. who in the great painter's final six years became his factorum and confidant. Picasso called him

"Nounours" (roughly, teddy bear). ton Foundation of Lugano, which Some art experts have hinted that owns the collection, said Bresnu and Bresnu, who died in 1991, took advantage of Picasso in his dotage, knowing that any doodle by the master would have a high value. But witnesses have spoken of the artist's affection for Bresnu and his wife,

Jacoueline Some of the 105 drawings carry a signature which experts say does not resemble the normal Picasso one. Asked to explain this yesterday. owns the collection, said Bresnu and his wife had continued to live in Picasso's house after his death.

"It is possible - I have no way of knowing, but it is possible — that Jacqueline, say, signed some of the drawings with Picasso's name after his death," Signor Levi said. Jacqueline committed suicide in 1992. "But there is absolutely no question mark over either the provenance or the authenticity of the drawings," Signor not normally sign his work except when he was selling it.

The works have been authenticated by Picasso's daughter. Maya. who describes in the catalogue her intense emotions on seeing the drawings, which she describes as a mark of her father's "humour and audacity" at the end of his life. ☐ Picasso: The Hidden Collection is open to the public until January 6. 1997. at the Trussardi Foundation Gallery, Marino alla Scala Art

### **Bomb threats to Austrian leaders**

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

SECURITY has been stepped up for Austrian and German politicians after threats by a small terrorist group to send letter bombs to eight prominent decision-makers. According to one report. President Clinton figures on a

target list that was sent to a

itself the Bajuvarian Liberation Army (BLA), but the main threat is perceived to be against Austrian politicians in the run-up to the elections on October 13 for the European Parliament. The threats are being taken

seriously since the BLA -

which wants to reunite the

German-speaking peoples of

magazine by a group calling Bavaria, the Alps and along the Danube - has claimed responsibility for more than 20 letter-bomb attacks in the past three years. All have been directed at foreigners or at prominent people associated with refugee issues, and II people have been injured.

Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian Chancellor, is among those

#### Ballot fraud in Armenia

Warsaw: There were 22.013 too many votes in Armenia's polls won by President Ter-Petrosian, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which moni-tored the election, said yesterday. He won by 21,941 votes. Most extra votes were in

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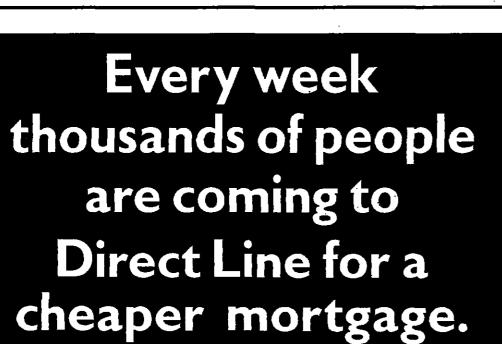
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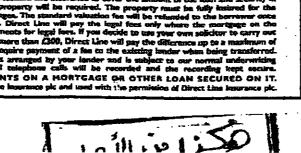
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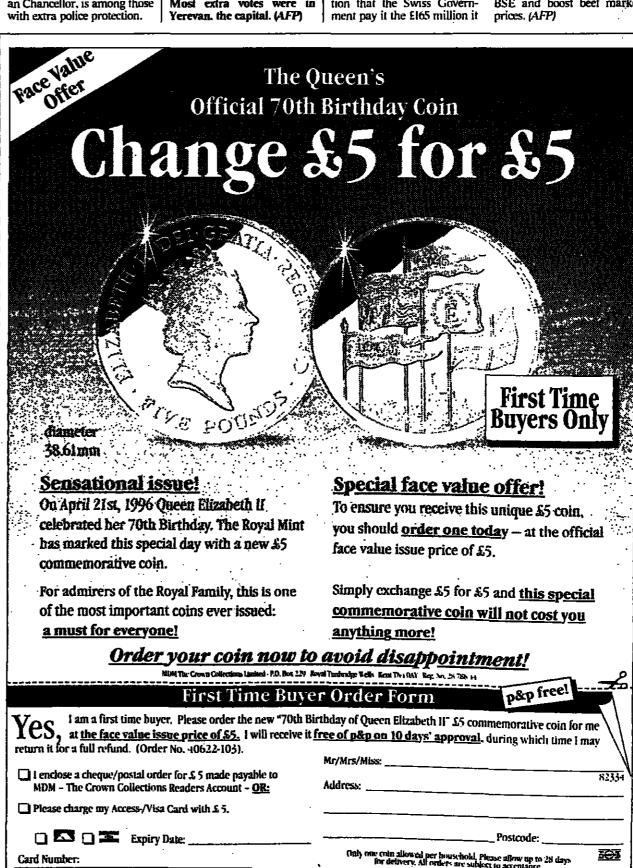
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ALL seventy people on board a Peruvian jetliner were feared dead after it crashed early yesterday in the Pacific, not far from the capital, Lima.

Mechanical trouble had been reported by the pilot before the accident and conditions were foggy. Acroperu's Flight 603 disappeared from radio and radar contact at 1.10am local time, almost half an hour after taking off from Lima bound for Santiago, Chile. The pilot said that he was turning hack to Lima and requested an emergency landing.

Elsa Carrera de Escalante, the Peruvian Transport Minister, said computer failure appeared to have been the cause. "We have listened to the recordings of the pilot," she said. It seems there was a blockage in the computer from the plane itself and a sheen of oil were said to have Navy patrol boats found been seen on the surface of the sea by naval and police

wreckage from the plane in the sea, 40 miles west of the resort of Ancon, said Admiral Jaime Monge, head of navy rescue operations. Ancon is 42 miles north of Lima.

Emergency rescue workers shore, shining lights out to sea in the hope of attracting the attention of survivors. "The only possibility is for survivors to direct themselves towards the light," said Juan Piperes, a spokesman for the local fire

Visibility was down to 30ft, and in the icy waters of the Humboldt current, which flows up the Peruvian coast from Antarctica, no survivors were expected. Some lights

reports stated that four of the missing were Americans. Flight 603 originated in New York before stopping at Miami. Passengers changed planes at Lima.

The jet took off from Lima at 12.42am and the pilot reported mechanical difficulties about five minutes later, according to early reports.

A local fisherman, Jesús

Herrera, reported hearing a

noise in the night. Soon after-

wards his beach shack was

tively new Boeing 757, thought

to have been leased from

Aeroperu's Mexican parent

company. It was the third

recent air disaster to involve a

The plane, which had a

capacity of 180 people, was

carrying 61 passengers and a crew of nine. The nationality

of those on board was not

immediately known, an offi-

cial at Aeroperu's Manhattan

offices said, but television

jet of this type.

flooded by a large wave.

The crash was the first in the history of Aeroperu, which was founded in the early 1970s and is a private company. It was originally government-



Sally Gunnell with Hadelino Isidro, II, at Kuito, where she met landmine victims



#### Track star backs ban on mines

FROM ADRIAN BROOKS IN HUAMBO, ANGOLA

ONE wrong step and a sporting career could have been ruined. For Sally Gunnell, the former Olympic 400m champion and the latest recruit to an international campaign to ban landmines, witnessing the crippling effects of the weapon of war in Angola was

nerve-racking. Last week she was led through a minefield to watch a controlled explosion. She said: "You only had to put one foot wrong. Five days ago, I didn't even know what a mine looked like or the terrible injuries they can inflict." Earlier, she had toured the Médecins sans Frontières hospital in Kuito, where she met mine victims. Gunnell's visit was part of the campaign to outlaw mines. Today a conference devoted to the

#### Murder adds to Korean tension

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

SOUTH KOREA tentatively pointed the linger at North Korea for the murder of its consul to Vladivostok yesterday, straining further relations between the two countries, already at their

worst for several years.
The body of Choi Duck
Keun was found on Tuesday
night on the staircase of his apartment block in the Russian city. He had been bludgeoned on the back of the head and his stomach had been slit.

Gangs are in a perpetual state of war in the mafiaridden eastern city and police refused to comment on yet another killing. But the con-sul's murder was unlikely to be a simple mugging as his waller and passport had not been taken.

A South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman acknowledged Mr Choi had been in charge of intelligence gathering on North Korea, making him an obvious target. We can't rule out the possibility that North Korea could be involved," he said. Seoul is sending investigators to work with Russian police.

In the past two weeks, the Koreas have been embroiled in one of their worst confrontations for years after the landing of spies from a North Korean submarine in the South. Twenty-two North Koreans from the vessel have since been killed.

North Korean army officers threatened their southern neighbours at a meeting at the truce village of Panmunjom yesterday, saying "that serious consequences which would be announced would occur as a result of the deaths of their soldiers", a United Nations spokesman said. Lee Yang Ho, the South Korean Defence Minister, said Seoul might

have to gird itself for war. The submarine incident and the murder have caused alarm and raised questions about how long the 43-year stalemate, a result of the Korean War, can continue.

### Patten challenges China to safeguard Hong Kong's freedoms

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHRIS PATTEN. Hong Kong's twenty-eighth and last Governor, yesterday gave a challenging final policy address to the Legislative Council. Peking will appoint its own council in 1997 and Mr Patten's vision of Hong Kong's future was bleak. He laid down 16 benchmarks" by which it will be judged internationally under Chinese rule. Freedom of the press and

assembly and an "openly elected legislature", for example, are likely to be explosive issues once the colony is handed over.

The Governor said Hong Kong's strength to date stemmed from the "hard work and skill of its Chinese men and women", but also of British "stewardship" which had brought the rule of law, a meritocratic Civil Service, and the openness to ideas and people that "lies at the heart of Hong Kong's success". Mr Patten said that during the final

nine months of British rule the Government was not "going into hibernation ... we still have plenty to do", but he soon issued sombre warnings. If things went well in Hong Kong, he said, they would make China's problems lighter.

And the reverse is true," he said.
The relationship between China and Hong Kong, which he said would soon be the richest Chinese city, "goes to the heart of what sort of country China is in the next century and how it plays its role in

the region and the world". The colony seemed to be "a superb meteor ... rather than a sleepy and

permanent planet".

He saved his direst warnings for the Legislative Council (LegCo), whose election last year lies at the core of Peking's hatred of the Governor and of the crisis in Sino-British relations since he was appointed in 1992. Peking claims that the council violated treaty agreements between the British and Chinese, and vows to replace it

next year by a body handpicked by China. That "provisional LegCo" will legislate in competition with

the existing council.

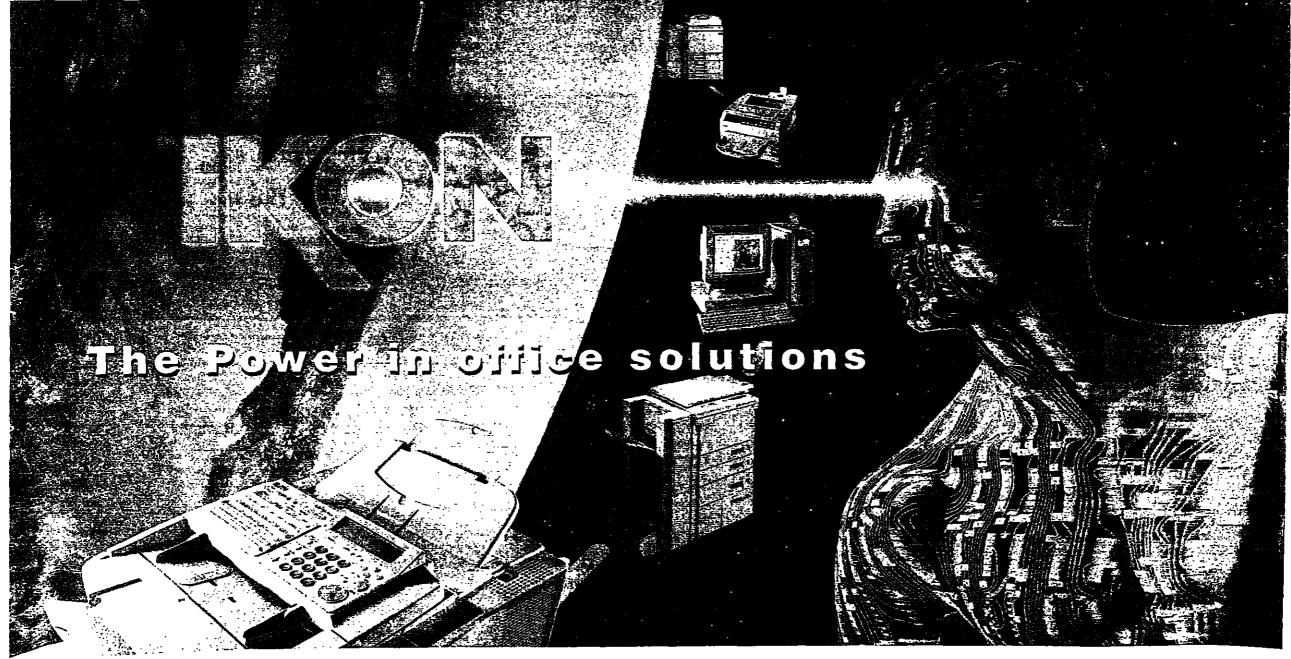
For the first time, Mr Patten came close yesterday to saying that such a body would be illegal. He declared: "The role of this institution, its credibility and legitimacy. lies at the heart of wider doubts about the future of pluralism and freedom in Hong Kong."

The present elected council, he said, "has been and will remain a

society Hong Kong is today and could and would be tomorrow.

Mr Patten's other "benchmarks" seem equally ominous. These include a free press. freedom of assembly, vigils and demonstrations. Chinese officials have said. however, that certain opinions will be regarded as seditious and it intends to abridge Hong Kong's Bill of Rights.

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### Palestinians fear tank onslaught as Israelis dig in

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli-occupied West Even before the summit Bank and Gaza Strip, home to 2.2 million Palestinians, reresults had been announced, Israeli and Palestinian secsembled a war zone last night urity sources reported that one with security forces on both Palestinian had been shot sides on alert in anticipation of dead by Israeli troops in renewed violence in reaction Hebron, the tense city at the to the Washington summit. centre of the Washington Some Palestinians were sandtalks, and five others were bagging their homes in fear of wounded during two incidents an attack by Israeli tanks. in the West Bank.

Israeli military command-ers emphasised that they Senior Palestinian officials said that many families were hoarding food in case the failure of the Washington would not hesitate to use tanks, snipers and Cobra attalks to meet expectations tack helicopters to put down sparked more serious clashes any new armed assaults on than those which left more than 70 people dead and nearly 1,500 wounded last

their troops or Jewish settlers. Members of the 30.000-strong Palestinian police were ligging new trenches close to There is an atmosphere of Israeli lines around Nablus, fear. We are living in a very the largest West Bank city. critical situation," said a se-Palestinians said factories nior official in the autonomous were working at only 30 per West Bank town of Kalkiliya, cent capacity because workers where residents were protectfrom surrounding areas were ing their homes with sandkept out by Israeli roadblocks.

The Israeli forces, already reinforced by thousands of

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men, appeared to be digging in for the long haul. The army was reported to have placed an emergency order for hundreds of special bullet-proof vests from England and armoured protection was being sent to the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where Palestinian residents are under effective "town arrest".

Major-General Amiaz Sagis, the chief of the technology and logistics branch, said: We are preparing for an extended stay. The winter is at the doorstep and we are readying ourselves for it." In Hebron. Palestinians

pelted the Israelis with stones the minute a week-long curfew on the 100.000 Arab inhabitants was lifted briefly to let people buy food. "All leaders are liars," said nine-year-old Mahran Natche, one of the stone-throwers. "We will never live in peace with the Jews". As night fell, there were also

reports that stones had been



Israeli guards check the identity of a Palestinian in Hebron, during a curfew in the West Bank town yesterday

hurled at Israeli soldiers in Bethlehem but Palestinian police, acting on orders from Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palestinian Authority,

A report in Haaretz, a Tel Aviv newspaper, by Zeev Schiff, Israel's top military analyst disclosed that the Palestinians are believed by Israeli security sources to have 40,000 weapons in the West Bank and Gaza, a much larger total than previously thought. The arsenal includes AK47 assault rifles and Israeli firearms, either stolen from the Israeli Army over the 27 years of occupation or smuggled in as a result of trading with the Israeli underworld, Mr Schiff wrote: "According to the Oslo peace agreement, the Palestinian Authority was supposed to collect weapons from civilian hands or register them for use by authorised civilians. The PA did not carry out this part of the agreement."

Such was the tension in an around the six Palestinian towns in the West Bank already handed over to Palestinian control that joint Israeli-Palestinian controls were suspended. "In some cases, the Palestinian police took part in the shooting at Israe-" said Major-General Uzi Diayan, the head of Israel's Central Command.

Hanan Ashrawi, the leading Palestinian spokeswoman. said: "If this summit fails we will face bad consequences," as gloomy reports of progress Washington spread through the region. Our people do not expect much from the summit.

### Clinton gets into a knot over ties

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE sartorial habits of Natan Sharansky, a key member of the Israeli summit team. raised eyebrows in the White House according to Maariv.

the Tel Aviv newspaper.
The paper said President
Clinton asked the former Soviet dissident, now Trade and Industry Minister, why he had come to the White House without wearing a tie. Mr Sharansky responded without batting an eyelid: "There is a law in Israel. according to which anyone who was incarcerated in a Russian prison for longer than eight years is exempt from putting on a tie." Mr Sharansky had been a guest of the former Soviet gulag for

ten years.

Maariv said Mr Clinton smiled at the response. Later. when he bumped into the former inmate of Moscow's Lefortovo prison, he again asked Mr Sharansky whether it was his habit to go around without a tie. The minister said it was and "the two shook hands warmly".

Diplomats said that in the past it was normal for Israeli officials not to bother with a jacket or tie. But now, under the snappily attired leadership of Binyamin Netanyahu. the tieless member of the Cabinet is the exception rather than the rule.

### Simpson case detective charged with perjury

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

MARK FUHRMAN, the detective whose record of racism sabotaged the prosecution of O. J. Simpson, is to be charged with perjury for denying during the Simpson trial that he had used the word "nigger" in the previous an apprentice electrician, was due to be arraigned in Los Angeles yesterday within hours of his perjury charge being made public.

Testifying before a packed Simpson courtroom in March last year, he swore that he had not addressed or spoken of black people as "niggers" in ten years. Later in the trial, however, a screenwriter who had interviewed Mr Fuhrman submitted tapes on which he used the inflammatory word no fewer than 41 times.

Mr Fuhrman had described on the witness stand finding a crucial bloody glove in Mr Simpson's grounds early on the morning after the murders of Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman.

The revelation of his casual racist rhetoric, before a largely black jury, turned a key prosecution witness into a godsend for Mr Simpson's successful defence team.

### Secret report 'shows tobacco conspiracy'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

AN AMERICAN congressman has uncovered research by two Britons 32 years ago that he claims is a "smoking gun" to support allegations of a conspiracy among US tobac-co manufacturers to hide the dangers of cigarettes.

Martin Meehan, the Massachussetts Democrat and catalyst of a current inquiry into the \$50 billion American tobacco industry, has offered the secret report to the Justice Department as evidence for a

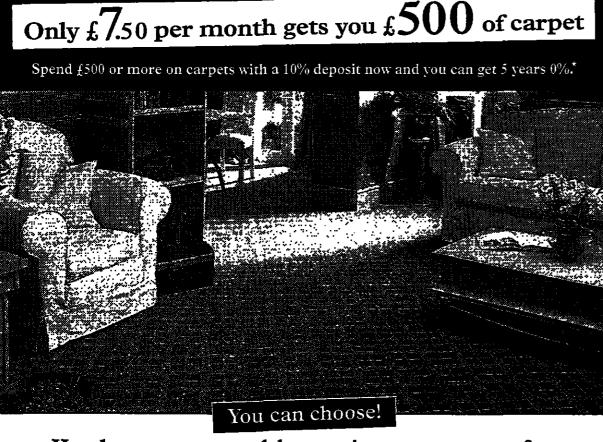
federál investigation. Sir Philip Rogers and Geoffrey Todd, both now dead,

were senior members of the

British Research Council who were granted unparalleled access to tobacco executives during a fact-finding mission lasting just over a month.

They revealed that lawyers for cigarette manufacturers assumed control of smoking and health research and concentrated efforts on fighting lawsuits rather than developing safer products.

Michael York, a lawyer for Philip Morris USA, said lawyers worked together all the time to co-ordinate defences and strategy. He called Mr Meehan's allegations "an act



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# 'Club Med' row threatens EU talks

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS AND BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A BOUT of squabbling between France and Italy heightened concern yesterday that a special European summir this weekend could highlight discord among member states as they strive to design a more coherent, streamlined Union.

While EU leaders shuttled around capitals before Saturday's gathering in Dublin. President Chirac of France made little effort to smooth Italian feathers, severely ruffled by an undiplomatic swipe at Rome over its chances of qualifying for monetary union. The Gaullist President's outburst on Tuesday was seen as a foretaste of the blunt tactics which his aides say he is planning to employ when the leaders take stock of the limping negotiations to revise the Maastricht treaty.

Only M Chirac wanted the Dublin gathering. John Major. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and others argued

that the informal session risked airing differences while the 15 states remained far apart on ways of revamping the EU to accommodate up to a dozen new members from the East and the South.

Although no formal decisions are due to be made on Saturday, there are also fears that Mr Major could use the gathering at Dublin Castle to restate Britain's resistance to deeper integration three days before the Conservative Party conference. Britain's imminent general election is blamed by the other Union members for the failure of the inter-governmental conference (IGC) to make headway.

M Chirac's remarks on the lira spurred Professor Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, to threaten to call off talks with M Chirac in Naples today. The French President responded by saying he "ar-dently hoped" Italy would be



Prodi: warning about cancelling Naples talks

among the founder members of economic and monetary union (EMU) but the lira must

first "catch up" with the franc. M Chirac praised the austere Italian budget and said the diplomatic row was simply "misunderstanding", but his testy warning was reaffirmed yesterday by Catherine Colonna, his spokeswoman, who said Italy's ability to join monetary union depended



Chirac only EU leader to want Dublin meeting

partly on an early return to the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) at a more appropriate rate

Mme Colonna said the Italian currency had depreciated by 40 per cent against the franc since Italy was ejected from the ERM in 1992, and the cheap lira was seriously damaging French industry. The movement of the lira in the past year is positive, but it is review stagnate at a time

still room for appreciation,"

Signor Prodi was in no mood for a fresh quarrel with M Chirac since he had already fallen out this week with Jose Maria Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, who suggest-ed he had tried to soften the EMU criteria. Signor Prodi denied this yesterday.

The bickering among the

'Club Med" states underlined the way in which tension over the push for monetary union is eclipsing the effort to finish a new-look Maastricht treaty next June. As the leap to the single currency has acquired the feel of certainty in recent weeks, governments have scrambled to enact draconian budgets for fear of being left on the sidelines when the EMU entrance test is applied

in about 18 months' time. Herr Kohl and M Chirac will be uniting in Dublin to warn colleagues of the dangers of letting the Maastricht when European citizens are taking a more jaundiced view than ever of the Union and its grand monetary scheme. The two "moior" nations are keen to set the pace on such issues as the creation of a stronger EU foreign policy machine and the centralising of control over immigration and crime. Bonn and Paris have not settled a joint package, but France has watered down its demand for the creation of a

foreign policy supremo to act as "Mr Europe". The two have upset the European Commission and federal-minded states by backing a strengthened policy team in Brussels that would report to the member states, leaving control firmly in government hands. The scheme should be acceptable to Britain.

Wide differences remain. however, on extending majority voting. While Britain flatly opposes any dilution of the veto. France, Germany and other states are rejuctant to

> WORLD SUMMARY

Lawyer in

massacre

trial quits

Sydney: The lawyer represent-ing Martin Bryant, charged with killing 35 people in Port Arthur, Hobart, in April, has

abruptly resigned from the case (Rachel Bridge writes). The departure of David Gunson came two days after Mr Bryant pleaded not guilty to all 72 charges against him. including murder, attempted murder, wounding and arson. It is believed Mr Gunson quit because Mr Bryant did not plead as advised. A second lawyer, John Avery, is considering taking over the defence in the trial which is to resume

on November 19.

by bushfire

Kruger Park hit

Johannesburg: A quarter of South Africa's Kruger Nat-

ional Park — more than 12 million acres — has been devastated by the worst bush-

fire in the game reserve for 40 years (Inigo Gilmore writes). Officials said animals had died but tourists had not been

started by lightning strikes

last week, were brought under control but flared up and ran

Rangoon: Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition lead-

er, defied government at-

tempts to gag her, slipping past police barricades barring

access to her home and telling

reporters that up to 800 de-mocracy activists had been

arrested. The ruling State Law

and Order Restoration Coun-

cil earlier admitted that it had

detained 559 people in the past

Suu Kyi says

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Alain Juppé addresses parliament before vesterday's confidence vote on his spending cuts. The French Prime Minister won comfortably

### Juppé wins backing for austerity

THE French parliament passed a vote of confidence in the Government yesterday against a background of renewed internal criticism aimed at Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister, and rumours of a possible early election.

The ruling chalition enjoys a four-fifths majority in the National Assembly and the outcome of the confidence vote, by 464 to 100, was never in doubt. but a fresh burst of stuping from M Juppe's coalition partners suggested that yesterday's seal of approval was rather less than the sincere and frank support in heart and spirit" requested by the

year of improvement ... per-severance will pay off," he assured MPs as he defended austerity policies aimed at reducing the deficit in time for European monetary union.

M Juppé received a stand-ing ovation from a majority of MPs as he called for the third confidence vote since the Government was elected in May last year. But internal strife within the Centre-Right coalition has prompted reports that President Chirac is considering whether to dissolve parliament and call an early election rather than wait until scheduled elections in March 1998 and face the possibility of sharing power with the Left. dent discussed the possibility of bringing the election forward with François Leotard. head of the UDF, the Gauli-

ists' junior coalition partner. Le Monde reported vesterday. Last July, M Chirac appeared to rule out an early election, saying that such a decision would be taken only in the event of a big political crisis. but with unemployment rising, strike threats growing and the Government's popularity dwindling, rumours of a possible snap election have begun to circulate. The opposition Socialists

have yet to form a credible election platform and an early poll might ensure M Chirac a jority, albeit substantially reduced, for the rest of his sevenyear term.

The talk of dissolving parliament may be a way to en-force discipline among rebellious MPs within the ruling coalition, but yesterday Jean-Claude Gaudin, the Minister for Regional Development, said that the coalition should be prepared for such an eventuality. "If it takes place early, that is all the more reason for us first to be ready, second to be determined and third to be united," M Gaudin said in a radio interview.

M Juppé's approval rating has sunk to 30 per cent, according to the latest polls,

lows of last winter. The Prime Minister has faced a wave of internal criticism over his recent initiatives to bolster anti-racist legislation and tinker with voting rules by adding an element of proportional representation.

During last week's stormy Gaullist conference, President Chirac personally intervened to shield his Prime Minister against increasingly vitriolic attacks from members of his own party.

Just hours before yesterday's confidence vote. Gilles de Robien, floor leader of the UDF, criticised M Juppé's failure to communicate with his coalition partners.

#### week. (Reuter) Six die in Genoa tanker blaze

Rome: Six workers were killed and three others were injured when fire swept through a giant new Italian methane gas tanker off the port of Genoa in northern Italy. Helicopters and launches ferried firemen to the blazing tanker but it was several hours before the fire was brought under control. There were 188 people on the ship at the time. (AFP)

#### Pair jailed for tapping phone

New York: Spanish photogra-pher Carlos H. Arriazu Sanchez, 24, and Carlos Fernan-dez, 42, a private detective from Miami, were sentenced to six months' jail for tapping the telephone of Giselle "Gigi" Howard, an ex-model linked romantically to Prince Felipe, heir to Spain's throne. (AP)

#### Cashing in on making waves

#### Inkling of wrong

police arrested an electrician and a mechanic who are suspected of secretly making and trying to sell 0.22 calibre firearms that were disguised

### Legacy of prayer is treasure on earth

Hamburg: A Spanish businessman and devout Roman Catholic who stopped to pray at a church during a trip to Stockholm ended up a millionaire. Bild reported yesterday.

The church was empty except for a coffin containing the remains of a man, so 35-yearold Eduardo Sierra knelt down and prayed for the deceased for 20 minutes, counting off the beads on his rosary, the paper said.

Senor Sierra signed a condolence book placed by the coffin after he saw a note

saying those who prayed for the dead man should enter their names and addresses. He noticed that he was the first one to sign.

Several weeks later. Señor Sierra got a call from the Swedish capital informing him that he had inherited the fortune of the dead man. Jens Svenson, a 73-year-old property dealer with no close relatives.

Mr Svenson had specified in his will that "whoever prays for my soul gets all my belongings", Bild reported.

**Adriatic** blockade called off

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATO and the Western European Union ended their naval blockade in the Adriatic yes-terday after the United Nations Security Council's vote to lift trade sanctions against Serb-led Yugoslavia.

The WEU also announced that it was ending its policing operation to prevent sanc-tions-busters reaching Serbia by the Danube. The sanctions enforcement

mission had been suspended in June when the UN ended its arms embargo against all the former Yugoslav republics. In a joint statement. Nato

and the WEU said their vessels had challenged 74,000 ships since the mission, codenamed Operation Sharp Guard, started in 1993. Six ships were caught trying to break the sanctions.

"Nato and the WEU consider this operation a success. since no ships have been reported as having broken the embargo," the statement said. The Security Council voted unanimously on Tuesday to lift sanctions as a sign of

international recognition of

Serbia's role in helping to

bring peace to the Balkans. The mission was the first joint operation between Nato and the WEU, fledgeling defence arm of the European Union. The statement said both bodies thought it "served as a positive demonstration of strengthening ties and intensifying co-operation".

### Bulgarian plea for calm after murder of top politician

By James Pettifer and Our Foreign Staff

ANDREI LUKANOV, the former Bulgarian Prime Minister and Socialist deputy, was murdered at his Sofia house yesterday in a mafia-style killing that will add to the feverish political atmosphere in the run-up to presidential elections on October 27.

In a scene reminiscent of the legendary and numerous assassinations of Bulgarian leaders earlier this century. a middle-aged man fired two shots at Mr Lukanov, 58, at about 9.30am - one to the head, the other to the heart. He died about 20 minutes later in a pool of blood on the front doorstep of his Lakatnik Street home,

Parliament appealed for calm, saying the elections would take place as planned, and armed police shut main roads linking the Bulgarian capital with frontier checkpoints, witnesses said.

Police removed the body for a forensic science examination, the state radio reported. adding that Aleksandr Avdeyev, Russia's Ambassador to Sofia, had visited the scene and talked to investigators.

Dimitar Vladimirov, the National Security Service chief, told journalists that Mr Lukanov had been under his unit's protection from February until April after he was threatened. The protection ended after an "investigation clarified the case", he said In a joint resolution all

parliamentary groups and independent deputies con-demned "categorically" the killing of Mr Lukanov. a deputy of the ruling Socialist Party, which is made up of

former Communists.

The resolution, read in the chamber by Blagovest Sendov, the Speaker, said: "We appeal to all Bulgarian citizens to keep calm and together with us guarantee the constitutional order. We will not allow this terrorist act to lead to declaring a state of emergency in Bulgaria." Mr Sendov called a day of mourning for tomorrow.

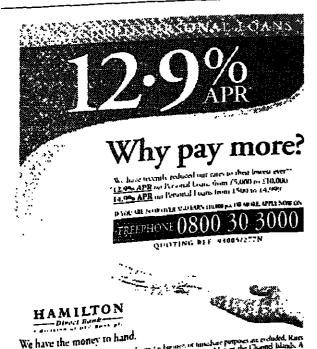
Mr Lukanov, an economist, was a leader of the Gorbachev-oriented reform Com-munists who overthrew Todor Zhivkov, the party chief, in a Politburo coup in November 1989. He became Prime Minister after winning the first post-Communist elections in February 1990.

Born and educated in Moscow, where his father was a senior Bulgarian official, he was a warm, intelligent, cultured man who spoke several languages. Widely seen in Sofia as Russia's man in the inner circle of the political elite, he was a close friend of Viktor Chernomyrdin, the

Russian Prime Minister. As yet no one has claimed responsibility for the killing, but it is likely to be part of the increasingly lethal mafia and politics mixture in Sofia.

Taipei: A Taiwanese travel agency hopes to make the most of a territorial dispute embroiling Taipei, Tokyo and Peking by offering a luxury cruise to the group of deserted islands, known to Chinese as the Diaoyus, in the East China Sea, the United Evening News reported. (Reuter)

Munich: Bavarian regional as ballpoint pens, (AFP)





Dr Thomas Stuttaford on an important new report into chronic fatigue syndrome; the tragic inevitability of the Allwood story; the danger of a 'hidden' aortic aneurism; how to help old people in the cold of the Highlands; a new drug to lower blood pressure

# The truth at last about ME

council chamber of the Royal College of Physicians for the verdict on myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), more accurately known as chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), was as nerve-racking as being in court when the jury is out and one of my patients is on trial.

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On this occasion, the suspense was even greater because I felt that it was as if the great and good of the colleges of physicians, psychiatrists and general practitioners were the jury and I, after my confrontation with the ME Association on the Esther Rantzen programme, was in the dock.

Doctors always worry about peer review and I couldn't felt more apprehensive than I did as I drank my morning coffee. In fact, the inquiry had been set up in response to a request from the Chief Medical Officer, and not as a result of any controversy stimulated by the media.

The Royal Colleges' authoritative view, reached after an exhaustive inquiry, aims to dispel popular myths which have built up around CFS. Fortunately, their report seems to support the opinions I had expressed in the less detached environment of the television studio during Ms

Rantzen's show. My opinion, the result of many years of medical practice, much of it with young of British doctors, according to an independent poll commis-sioned by the BBC.

The question which has been intriguing doctors, since it has been known that the commission was inquiring into CFS, was whether the Royal Colleges research would support the ME Association in its belief that there is a specific organic cause for the persis-tent troubles which afflict its members. There has been a continuing belief that perhaps it was only the intransigence of traditional doctors which stopped the responsible path-ological process from being found and treated.

Or would the Royal Colleges favour the view that CFS is not a specific disease with demonstrable pathological signs, but is more a collection of symptoms in which abnormal fatigue is predominant? The report is well balanced, unemotional and does not try to give the definitive answer as to whether the basis of CFS is psychiatric or physical, but rather tries to give priority to the plight of the patients who suffer from it, and looks for an agreed way to treat them.

Whatever the persistent underlying disease process, it is agreed that a wide variety of situations, ranging from glandular fever to anxiety and other manifestations of stress, can trigger an attack. The Royal Colleges' research has shown that half of the patients

tive disorder (depression) and another quarter of other psychiatric diseases.

In other patients the obvious psychiatric link is absent but the report does not take into account family history. Depression and anxiety represent the strongest risk factors so far identified for the likelihood of developing CFS.

The report suggests that these statistics are relevant, cannot be ignored and cannot be taken into account as over 20 well conducted studies into CFS have produced very con-

he Royal Colleges' report emphasises the impact of insomnia, from which many patients with CFS suffer. It is possible that this insomnia, together with the lifestyle which patients with CFS lead. could cause the physical changes which have been recorded in these patients, albeit that there is inconsistent and conflicting evidence about these results

The Royal Colleges reject the term ME as being inaccurate and misleading. As far as treatment is concerned, the report places particular emphasis on the need for the doctor to accept his patient's distress, but they are concerned that many of the treatments which have been so fiercely advocated are unproven, and may even be danger-



ous. Neither complementary therapy, nor dietary interventions, have been shown to be effective, and the often recommended bed rest is likely to

make the patient worse. The recommended treatment for CFS is either graded

cognitive behaviour therapy. It is also suggested that a trial of an anti-depressant, even in the absence of depressant symptoms, could be justified. In practice, many doctors al-

which cures the patient's insomnia, but whether any improvement in the CFS stems from a good night's sleep, or the anti-depressive action, is

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### A balloon that can become a time-bomb

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lan Percival, Professor of Clinical Bacteriology at the University of Liverpool, was his usual ebullient self at the annual dinner of the Brasenose Society in Oxford last weekend.

If his wife had not paid attention to Professor Percival's health, the story might have been very different. Alan Percival was troubled last year with a slightly raised blood sugar, but any signs of diabetes were soon dispelled by dieting. Even so, Mrs Percival suggested that the time had come when her husband should have a general medical

examination. Professor Percival had no symptoms of any sort and felt well,

The risk of but in order to preserve the marital harmony agreed to a health check. Professor Percival had never examined his own

abdomen with any great care, so he was surprised when a routine ultrasound of it showed that his

had an aneurism. An ancurism is a ballooning out of the arterial wall and, like any balloon if it becomes over-distended, can burst. If this is the case in an aortic aneurism it may well produce a painful and dramatic death. Alan Percival's aneurism was 5cm in diameter — the girth at which the risk of rupture becomes greater than the risk of surgery.

As soon as the diagnosis had been made, bathtime was not the same for the professor; for as he lay soaking in the water he became conscious of, and could feel, the pulsating swell-ing in his abdomen which beat in time to his heart. Professor Percival felt as if he was living with an unexploded bomb buried within him.

the country's greatest experts on antibiotic-resistant hospital infections, but even the risk of being infected with one of the organisms he has spent a lifetime studying did not discourage him from seeking

immediate surgery.

All went well, the professor had an uneventful operation and now has a piece of artificial aorta grafted into his natural one. He is again playing golf and working hard at reducing his handicap to 15. After surgery a patient can look forward to a life expectancy very little different from other people of his age group. Screening for aortic aneu-

risms is recommended in middle age for those people who have close relatives who have suffered from an aneurism, in those who have high blood pressure, in diabetic patients and in people who have had an amputation.

Doctors' opinions differ as to the

aorta, the main artery leading from the heart, which an ultrasound should be ordered, but only this month a 50-year-old patient of mine whose father had an aneurism, and who is symptom-free, was shown to have

Recently there has been a report of a large Finnish survey which has demonstrated the importance of also ultrasounding the abdomens of the brothers and sisters of patients with aneurisms.

In the Finnish study, reported in the European Journal of Surgery, the siblings of 200 patients with symptom-free aortic aneurisms were examined. Thirteen of the siblings. ten men and three women. also had unsuspected aneurisms which will now either need careful supervision or immediate surgery.

#### Easier way to ease pressure

ore than the patients who are known to have a high blood pressure are inadequately treated, and therefore quite unnecessarily running an increased risk of suffering either a stroke, heart attack or kidney disease. Often an apparent lack of care is not the fault of the doctor, but is the patient's response to the unpleasant sideeffects of the present drugs used in treatment.

Recently Cozaar (losartan), a new drug to lower blood pressure, has been introduced by the pharmaceutical firm MSD. It is claimed that research has shown that the sideeffects experienced by patients taking Cozaar are no mon numerous than those reported by the people given a placebo.

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### A tragedy that was inevitable

and her partner rejected the medical advice to have foetal reduction, this tragically became inevitable. But what has been surprising has been the accuracy of the predictions made by obstetricians about the time that the pregnancy would end.

One expert suggested to me that Mandy would go into labour, just as she has done, at about the 20th week. The blood supply to the uterus is capable of supporting the expanding uterus and its contents only up to a certain size. If this is exceeded, labour, and, or, foetal death is to be expected.

As photographs have shown, Mandy's abdomen was already larger than that of a woman who is having a single haby at term.

Multiple pregnancies in-crease all the risks of complications in a pregnancy and delivery, and in consequence an over-distended uterus is more likely to bleed after

In Mandy's case, there is also an increased chance of the uterus and its contents becoming infected as she has suffered a prolonged labour — the first of the eight babies was

andy Allwood has delivered nearly 48 hours ago lost all her eight and since then the uterus has babies. Once she been very vulnerable to infec-

This vulnerability is increased by the amount of medical interference which is always necessary in complicated cases. Care will now have to be taken to avoid a deep-vein thrombosis and with it the possibility of a pulmonary embolus.

Although Mandy has miscarried comparatively early in her pregnancy, she will have exactly the same troubles caused by breast engorgement and lactation as she would have had if she had been delivered at the normal time. Most women who have still

births suffer the normal grief response of a bereavement. This will be heightened by the hormonal changes which follow any pregnancy, but it is naturally greater in multiple pregnancies.

At once stage of the grief response it is usual for the sufferer to blame either themselves, their families or their doctors. As Mandy disregarded medical advice, her sense of loss, guilt and anger may be particularly acute, and she will need all the support she can get from her partner, family, friends and the medi-

#### Helping the aged in the far North

unrobin Castle is the most northerly of Scotland's great castles and it has been the home of the Earls of Sutherland since 1235.

This weekend Lord Strathnaver, the present incumbent, is allowing the castle to be the venue for a conference on the medical aspects of life for older patients in the Highlands.

The conference, organised by Help the Aged and the North of Scotland Institute of Postgraduate Medicine, will concentrate on the difficulties older people experience when living in villages or houses whose very isolation, coupled with the sometimes harsh Scottish weather, makes regular contact with their family doctors difficult.

Among the subjects which gates to the conference will discuss is hypothermia particularly in relation to nutrition in the older person.

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Juliet Stevenson has combined family life with acting while retaining strongly held ideals. Interview by Mary Riddell

# I am a socialist, nothing else makes any sense

Stevenson says, of a half-eaten baked potato congeals on the table. An iced lolly melts across Formica. Let's switch Pingu off; we can watch him later." says Stevenson, extinguishing the penguin cartoon on the video.

It is lunchtime in Doncaster. Around us, in hundreds of council estate kitchens, women in aprons are feeding mush to toddlers. Stevenson is one of those mothers. Of course, as befits a star, certain concessions apply. Food is

b delivered by film company personnel. Assistant di-'I was not rectors drop in at her trailer to check born on her welfare, and a nanny stands sipatient. lently by to take delivery of Rosa-It's not lind, her two-yearone of my Goodbye, dar-Stevenson attributes' administering a kiss as she is

wheeled away for her afternoon walk. There are two sorts of late motherhood: the Let's-hire-someone-to-dothe-dirty-work variety and the overwhelming passion. Juliet Stevenson is in the second

The only surprise is that she seemed such a natural for the distanced role. Always a label victim (Britain's finest young classical actress; the next Vanessa Redgrave; a future Dame Peggy Ashcroft) she appeared the most ardent of careerists.

Known for her performances in the classical canon. from Shakespeare at the RSC in The Duchess of Malfi. she went on to widen her repertoire and to demonstrate a rare paradox. Though she

scorned commercial Hollywood, deciding — on the strength of reading for a Schwarzenegger movie — that she would loathe it, she began to achieve an unusual

Truly. Madly Deeply, a low budget film made for TV, became the biggest grossing cinema movie of 1991. Her latest film, Stone, Scissors, Paper, destined for an unscheduled BBC2 Screen Two

slot, may repeat the pattern. Written by newcomer Richard Cameron, whose script won the first Dennis Potter film of the year award, it is the story of an unrequited love

affair between a ionely and withhousewife and a married stonemason. Nothing much son's pinny-andslippers image "There's no sex. no glamour and very little violence," reports the produc-tion's PR girl,

slightly dolefully. Such dismal omens nothwithstanding, it will doubtless prove a mega-hit. Stevenson has the touch to pick and forge winners. From The Politician's Wife to her latest role in the film of Emma. her name is almost a guarantee of success

There is an irritating quality about the flawlessness. After a morning of delays, I am particularly suspicious. Of course, she is working to a constantly rejuggled schedule, but still there is something disturbing in the deference surrounding her. 'Iuliet is needed for the next

shot. Juliet is hungry. Juliet wants to have her lunch first. No, she hasn't quite finished



her potato yet." Just when I am on the point of adding a "Have to go; sorry I missed you" note to Juliet's personal bulletin board, the trailer door opens on a scene which provokes instant sympathy.

Children's books. Greasy plates. Hardly the artefacts of stardom, but she will not be separated from her daughter. I couldn't do a film if I had to leave her in London. I wouldn't do it, full stop. I won't put her in jeopardy that way." She is 39 now and, while

scarcely matronly, she is not never was - the classic screen goddess. Her forehead is lined, her mouth too wide for classic beauty, but her voice, a oolisned echo of an arri background and a spell at Hurst Lodge School (whose alumni include the Duchess of York), is wonderful.

For several years now she has lived with Hugh Brody, an anthropologist and writer. and her existence - once a whirl of amusement with old RSC contemporaries like Alan Rickman - has been whittled down to work, Rosalind and Hugh's sons, aged 10 and 13.
"You're right of course.

Everything has changed, but I miss it surprisingly little. We

go to the cinema and theatre hardly at all. We only socialise with people who come round. I couldn't justify leaving Rosalind to go out and party.

"I have to wrangle with domesticity a bit, in terms of clearing up mess, but I love it. Some things amaze me. I was not born patient. It's not one of my natural attributes. With children, you have all the repetitive routines and the endless mess. "I'm amazed that I can

sweep the floor three times a day and not end up killing someone, but that's love, isn't it? You really discover what

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revelation." It is also, although she does not say so, a sort of displacement.

used really to be obsessive about work. I could never cut it off, and I was up half the night worrying and doing the retrospective analysis." There were also times when, despite outward polish and unblemished reviews, she slipped bevond mere nerves into a more dangerous terror.

"Real stage fright is an unnatural mental state - awgames going on in your mind. I had a terrible bout of it when I was in Troilus and Cressida, As You Like It and

"I was overtired, stressed out, completely knackered. I'd go out there paralysed with terror, and that creates more terror. Words stop being words. They turn into illuminated worms, and you can't think. Acting is 90 per cent thinking, so you can't do it. But I got over it.

"And having a child is a great concentrator. It increases your concentration, rather than dissipating it. Now, if I'm working in the

5.30 and throw a switch." She was never, of course, just an actress. A leading

Labour luvvie, she was reput-

grandstander during the runup to the last general election.
"I didn't do much. It's been really exaggerated," she says, suddenly irritated

"I did help launch their film policy, because it had the possibility of doing a great regenerative job for the industry. There's a lot of stuff in the

Labour Party that I feel very uncomfortable with. I'm not a card-carrying member, and I'm absolutely not at their "Like most people, i desper-

ately want to get this Government out, and that's what we've been reduced to. I'd feel less ambivalent about Labour

behind proportional representation. As it is, I've never been able wholeheartedly to put myself behind Labour, al-though I am a socialist. Nothing else makes any sense to

Lunchtime is almost over, and assistant directors gather at her door. Her daughter, sleeping now, is wheeled back to the trailer, and Stevenson, in her crumpled skirt, apron and slippers, is required on

"Dreadfully dowdy," she says, inspecting her costume critically. But rather appropriate. Unlikely as she is to be typecast, the tag of housewife superstar has a certain



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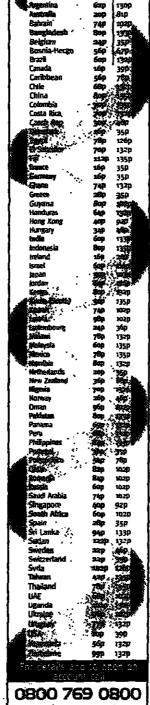
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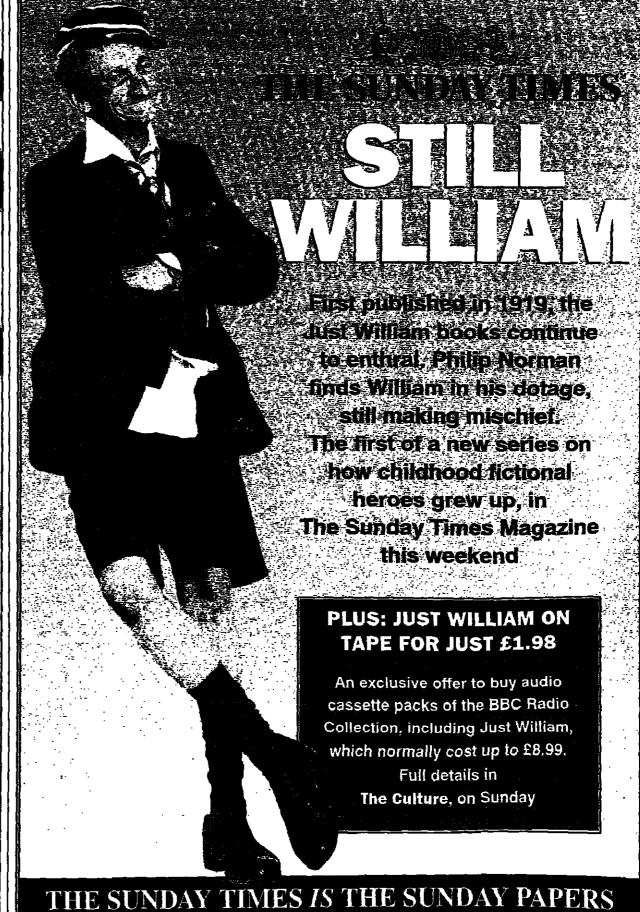


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### Is this the closing of our minds?

Magnus Linklater on the idea of a university, and its grim reality

ocation, location, location, said Conrad Hilton - that was the secret of a successful hotel. Education, education, education, said Tony Blair in Blackpool, that was the key to a successful Labour programme. There is perhaps only one minor difference. Whereas Mr Hilton was investing in a hugely profit-able business, Mr Blair faces the prospect of pouring money into a dark and apparently

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More than half of Britain's universities, we are told, will be in debt by the year 2000. Nearly 80 of them are forecast to be running at a loss within the next four years, unable to invest in development or research and so attract topcalibre staff. They blame gov-ernment cutbacks and funding changes in last November's Budget, and claim they will have to start looking for redundancies and introducing tuition charges to get by. At the same time the numbers of those in higher education are still rising. New universi-ties scramble to keep their totals up (at what cost to standards?) while undergraduates, strapped for cash, dis-

cover that they simply cannot afford to stay the full course (last year, Aberdeen lost almost half its intake of engineering students). Are we seeing the fulfil-ment of Kingsley Amis's bleak warn ing, "More will mean worse"?

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it is a prospect that Sir Ron Dearing and his commit-

tee on higher education are attempting to avert. Can Mr Blair, despite his promises. stim reverse the trend? No one seriously believes that Labour is going to loosen the Treasury purse-strings - you only needed to hear Gordon Brown's stern warning on Monday that there would be "no quick fixes, no options, no magicwand solutions" to know

Ran that. There will doubtless be talk tice, loans, more emphasis on private funding, closer relations with industry; the Dearing committee is said to be looking at limiting free university education to just two years and charging those who want to go on. But to judge from Labour's enthusiasm for information technology, the approach we are likely to hear a great deal more about involves a whole new approach to learning. The video revolution, interactive programmes, "distance learning", those buzz words of the new age offer a tempting alternative to some of the stuffier traditions of higher education. They may bring a chill to the hearts of those of us who emerged from the gentle chaos we remember as univer-

sity, but they are here to stay. A model for the college of the future was unveiled this week with the announcement that a new University of the Highlands and Islands is to be part-funded by the Millennium Commission. It will have no central campus, but will link ten locations as far apart as Shetland and the island of Lewis, which will

communicate via computers.

Students will tap into courses using digital telecommunications for video-conferencing. There will be no lectures as

some of us fondly remember them, no cosy tutorials, no stern warnings from directors of studies. In the new tele-era, students will be expected to maintain their own rate of progress, and of course there will be fewer distractions. It is hard, for instance, to imagine a computer pulling up a lazy student as Roy Harrod did the young Randolph Churchill in 1930: "I hope you will arise from your slumbers and take the final schools seriously . . .* (a remark recalled in Winston Churchill's new biography of his father).

There is no doubt that in a geographically remote area such as the North of Scotland, this approach serves a need. It echoes what Tony Blair's favourite philosopher, John Macmurray, once wrote was the central idea of a university: ... to be the cultural authority of the region that it serves. In virtue of this it can and should hold together every aspect of human culture, in its widest sense, in a unity." Nevertheless, there is a hole at the heart

I suspect that not even Macmurray imag-ined that the needs In the end, of the community or the student could be met in front of a computer screen. What most modern employers want and claim is hard to find — is the well-rounded and costs money

capable graduate whose skills lie as much in the way he deals with other people as in his IO. Personnel managers interviewing job candidates on university campuses often complain that although graduates may come equipped with impressive degrees, they lack necessary qualities of judgment, leadership, balance, self-motivation - what the American writer Daniel Goleman characterises as 'emotional intelligence".

chancellor whose estab-. lishment has close links to industry, runs at a healthy profit, and leads the field in information technology. Nonetheless, he said, his watchword these days is "learning through life". He argues that the "battery hen" system of higher education produces large numbers of highly qualified graduates who are quite incapable of dealine with the outside world. He believes passionately in the advantages of new technology, but says that it can supply only 20 per cent of a student's needs. The other 80 per cent, in his view, has to come from human support. He quotes Norbert Wiener of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who wrote: "The proper use of technology is to enable the human use of

human beings." And in the end computer learning simply cannot fill the gap unless it is backed by the proper people. And when that happens, it costs just as much as traditional methods. Education, however delivered, does not come cheap. Even if



" I SEE NO SLEAZE, MY DEAREST HAMILTON ...

### The week the Tories lost

't does not seem to do people much good to get close to Mohamed Al Fayed. It did not do Tiny Rowland any good at all; he thinks that Mr Al Fayed pinched Harrods off him. If Tiny Rowland's classic pamphlet A Hero from Zero is to be believed, it did not do Papa Doc Duvalier or Adnan Khashoggi much good either. The Sultan of Brunei has few complaints. but is perhaps too rich to need

to complain.

The Al Fayed friendship, if it can be called that, may have led Peter Preston, the previous Editor of The Guardian, to approve the notorious fake fax to the Paris Ritz; that misjudgment may even have contributed to his now being an ex-editor. It need scarcely be said that the Al Fayed connection has done no good to Neil Hamilton or Ian Greer. They were his allies; see how he has treated them.

What is odd about Mr Al Fayed is that he is not only bad news for his associates; he also has the knack of being bad news for himself. He has, the desire to be a state of what they for some reason, the desire to be a the Britis ment. His view seems to have been established when the British Empire was still a world symbol of prestige. He behaves as though Lord Cromer was still the Sirdar in Cairo. It is all rather touching. Mohamed Al Fayed has bought Harrods, going through heaven knows what contortions to do so. He has served countless glasses of good champagne to the aimiable freeloaders of British café society; he has even resurrected Punch, and the British were beginning to take him to their hearts. One could hear people saying how much he had done for Britain, what an amusing chap he was, how unreasonable it was to refuse him citizenship, and so on. Whoever was advising him on public rela-tions, and he did a lot of it for himself, was doing an excellent job. A Labour government might well have given him the citizenship he coveted.

He was about to become respectable. Now that glittering prospect has all vanished. Tiny Rowland used to write very unpleasant things about him, but now he has given evidence to worse things about himself. It is his evidence, supported by three members of his staff, that he used personally to stuff envelopes with £50 notes to bribe Neil Hamilton to lobby for him in Parliament, Mr Hamilton denies the allegation, but Al Fayed

Nobody comes out of the Hamilton affair well, but Major loses most

insists that it was so. I am not well versed in the law of bribery, and gather it is not a criminal offence to stuff a Member of Parliament's purse with paper money. Yet it probably does constitute a contempt of Parliament. If Mr Al Fayed is telling the truth, which may or may not be the case, he should be called to the Bar of the House and given a good wigging by Speaker Boothroyd. No Labour Home Secretary will have the effrontery to make him a British citizen now. It is all very sad - thousands of bottles of Harrods champagne have all been wasted, not to mention a few

Ritz in Paris. Neil Hamilton and Ian Greer are ethics of what they From what we now

weekends at the

know, their chances of winning the libel action against The Guardian can never have been very good. If the case had been heard, the combined costs would have come to £1 million or so, which they would have had to pay if they lost. The damages were, at best, unlikely to be very large. The Guardian, with new evidence coming in on every tide, was never likely to settle. Neil Hamilton must have remembered that he had been economical with the truth when speaking to Michael Heseltine. Until this week, few people remembered what The Guardian alleged in 1994. They remember now. Apart from the costs. Neil and Ian have exploded their own reputations by going to the doors of the court and then dropping

their action. Yet the oddest behaviour of all may be John Major's. Without his or the whips' help, the case could never have reached this calamitous stage. Under the existing law, constitutional requirements prevented The Guardian from using matters under parliamentary privilege as part of their defence in the action. Neil Hamilton could not waive this privilege, even though he wished to do so. The courts had therefore refused to adjudicate on the case. It was the Government that made it

possible, by encouraging an amendment to the law. I went to the House of Lords on May 7 this year to listen to the debate on the committee stage of the Defamation Bill. One of the law lords, Lord Hoffmann, moved an amendment to allow individual Members to waive parliamentary privilege, an amendment openly designed to let Neil Hamilton proceed with his action against The

I attended the debate expecting to vote for this amendment, which seemed broadly fair. Lord Hoffmann moved it very hesitantly, saying he was "not an ad-

vocate for it": a former law lord, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, opposed it on strong constitutional grounds. I thought the balance the debate had gone

against the amendment, and decided to abstain, as did Lord Hoffmann himself. I expected the amendment to fail, but it was carried by 119 votes to 57. There is little doubt that it had the support of the Conservative whips; the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, a nice man who gets things wrong, had spoken to Lord Hoffmann before the amendment was tabled. It later went through the Commons on Conservative votes.

Before the amendment, the Government was sitting pretty. Neil Hamilton had protested his innocence, as had the lobbvist Ian Greer. The action could not proceed for constitutional reasons. The Guardian could not produce its evidence, or obtain the damaging papers in the Government's own possession. The Prime Minister could not be called into the witness box. The sleaze issue could not be given a new round of publicity. The lid was on the box and it was firmly

screwed down. It was the Government that unscrewed it. The amendment would never have been tabled if Lord Mackay had not advised it. It would never have been passed, in the Lords or the Commons, if the whips had worked against it, however discreetly. Some-

body must have decided to push the amendment forward; this could hardly have been done without John Major's approval. Yet it was madness to let the issue be reopened.

Almost everyone has been damaged. The Guardian has a scoop, but is itself under the curse of Harrods. Neil Hamilton is finished as a politician. Ian Greer must be pretty well finished as a lobbyist. Mohamed Al Fayed is finished as a candidate member of the British Establishment; he has been returned to the bounder's enclosure. Yet surely the curse of Harrods has fallen most heavily on the Prime Minister himself. This week, Tony Blair's speech at Blackpool sounded only too prime ministerial. This week also the Tories found themselves once again up to the evebrows in accusations of sleaze. This may well have been the decisive week of the pre-election period.

ne of the difficulties is that Parliament is now so close to a general election. Any effective form of inquiry needs to be quick and open; Scott, for and open inquiry would coincide with the immediate pre-election period, when both parties will be seeking every possible advantage. The public very much dislikes what it hears, and rightly so; it wants the truth to be established. The timing is not favourable for the impartial and meticulous examination of events in which many have behaved properly. but some may have behaved unwisely, and some seem to have behaved disgracefully.

Should we all beat our breasts and say that things were never like this in the old days? Not so, for they were exactly like this in the old days. This is the House of Commons not only of Pitt and Peel, but of Labouchere and Horatio Bottomley. Parliament has always had its cads and its cards as well as its orators and its heroes. Look at Disraeli, who comes into all four categories, as does Robert Walpole. One should not forget Colonel Wigg. Captain Kerby and Captain Cunningham-Reid, just among more recent military Members, Mohamed Al Fayed is admittedly a splendid invention, a sort of demiurge of selfalleged corruption, scattering confusion and banknotes wherever he goes, like Flora on a Venetian ceiling. But this week of sleazy brouhaha may well signal the end of 17 years of Tory administration.

### We'll see juveniles in court

Michael Howard's regime is too soft,

says Jack Straw

There are 56,000 adult prisoners in Britain's jails, and the number is rising by nearly 1,000 a month. Almost every one of them began offending when young. So why has the youth justice system in England and Wales so comprehen-sively failed to punish, divert or deter so many of those who now fill our jails as adults?

The facts of the failure are these. The kinds of crimes which young people commit - burglary, theft, handling - increased by 40 per cent between 1984 and 1993, while the number of young offenders dealt with by courts, or cautioned by police, fell 35 per cent over the same ten years.

Despite this huge drop in their workload, the efficiency of the youth courts has worsened. A young offender arrested today will not, on average, be sentenced until next Easter - by which time any connection between crime and its consequences will have vanished in his or her understanding. Cases involving serious or persistent offenders take up to a year, sometimes more, with legal aid lawvers the only clear winners.

Meanwhile, young offenders run rings round the system. In Mans-Nottinghamshire, last year, youths aged from 12 to 15 operating in a gang were arrested 419 times before any effective action was taken.

A magistrate told me earlier this year of a young offender who had complained bitterly about being taken to court, "because he hadn't had his five cautions yet". However, in half the cases which do finally reach court, the offender walks away with another warning. Is it any wonder that young offenders get a clear sense of their entitlement to commit crime, and impunity from its consequences?

Maddening to the victim, irustrat-ing beyond belief to the police, this system fails the offender too, by defying practically everything we know about child development. Children, especially adolescents, need certainty and structure, to know where the boundaries are. Many children who end up in trouble have parents who act inconsistently towards them harshly one moment, indulgently the next - so that the children have a very defective idea of what consequences will flow from bad behaviour. Too often, the youth justice

S elf-delusion and secrecy lie at the heart of this failure years. nal justice professionals have convinced themselves that far from failing, the system has somehow been an outstanding success. With stupefying complacency, the Home Office under Michael Howard - told the Home Affairs Select Committee in 1993 that there had been a "real fall in the number of juvenile offenders per head of population since 1981". The deliberate error was to assert that a fall in the number of youngsters going to court represented a fall in the number of young criminals.

Adult courts are open, and their reality is regularly conveyed by television drama as well as in the news. Youth courts meet in private. There is no continuous reporting of the process, still less dramatic portrayal, and furthermore, precious little monitor-ing of their effectiveness.

Some of the professionals are still trapped in an intellectual "secret garden", in which a culture of excuse for the failure of the system — and the offender - is all too prevalent. The complacent and mistaken idea that young offenders will grow out of this behaviour without correction or instruction is deeply entrenched.

Of course, crime has deeper causes than any defect in the criminal justice process. Providing youngsters with hope, getting 250,000 under-25s off benefit and into work is as much an anti-crime policy as it is an economic policy. The youth service needs to be strengthened, and truancy must be much more effectively countered.

But with the youth justice system we will have to start again. The system can work only if it replicates the manner in which families and schools best cope, by acting swiftly consistently, and by confronting the youngster and the parents with the consequences of offending behaviour. To achieve this, the paralysing legal confusion between "welfare" and

"punishment" must be ended. This will entail a number of measures. The inappropriate, adversarial theatre of the youth court must be exchanged for an inquisitorial system: and endless cautions must be replaced with a single final warning. which will usually trigger intervention by family and community. There must be fast-track punishment for persistent and serious offenders. accompanied by extensive parental support and training, and reform of the chaotic custodial arrangements

for young offenders. The youth justice system in England and Wales has been so ineffective for so long that we now lock up a larger proportion of our adult population than any other European country except Turkey. If we are firmer and more focused when the offenders are young, we can reverse this unenviable record, reducing both the numbers of potential adult offenders and their victims.

The author is Shadow Home Secre-P-H-S lary and will address the Labour Party conference today.

### Great lengths

SMIRKING at the Labour Party conference in Blackpool was Sir David Puttnam, the bearded film producer and Blairite. He had his latest film script under his arm: a screenplay for Vikram Seth's massive novel A Suitable Boy.

Putmam has bought the rights to seth's 1,349-page epic, one of the onger novels in the English language. He has sold the idea to hannel 4, and has been working on the idea with Verity Lambert, producer of Dr Who and the less listinguished Eldorado.

Together they plan a series of en or more episodes filmed on ocation at a cost of some El nillion. Channel 4 yesterday conirmed that the screenplay had been written. Vikram Seth has een acting as a consultant on the roject, which is now quite well dvanced," said a 4-man. "We are ow looking for finance, and Iming should start at about this

me next year."
The novel, set in India just after ne British left in 1947, paints a anoramic picture, a sort of Indian orsyte Saga told through the lives finterlocking families. The cenal character is a demure 19-yeard girl called Lata, whose bossy

mother searches relentlessly for suitable boy to marry her. I understand that talent-spotting in Bollywood has already begun.

· More security chaos at the Labour Party conference in Blackpool, caused this time by condoms being handed out free by the Terence Higgins Trust. Their tinfoil wrappers played havoc with the metal detectors of the security



Baroness Castle, how about money not to ask questions?



men, who insisted that delegates emptied their pockets of the em-

barrassing contents.

Abbey habit

KNICKERBOCKER TROUBLE struck one of the judges invited to Tuesday's service at Westminster Abbey to mark the opening of the legal year. I shall refrain from identifying the brassy soul, and say only that he is corpulent. He managed to squeeze into his silken hose, but a dinner too many in the course of duty meant that he couldn't do up his buttons.

An anxious call to Ede & Ravenscroft, legal robemakers in Chancery Lane, proved fruitless, as they had none for hire. In desperation, mlearned friend turned to some theatrical costumiers round the corner, who were happy to oblige.

Only when he reached the changing room at the Abbey did he notice label sewn inside with the name of their last occupant: Sir Harry Secombe.

#### Mills boon

SHAKING a leg with hordes of teenyboppers the other night at the Pyramids Centre, Portsmouth, was the actor Sir John Mills, who is 88. He has developed an interest in very loud pop music of late, as a groupie of the band Kula Shaker. currently topping the chart with their album K. The band's lead singer and guitarist is Crispian Mills, Sir John's grandson.



Mills minor: Crispian

"It was a great kick to be there," says Sir John, who watched the set from a platform at the back of the hall. "I'm an old musical hand myself, but this is rather a different sound. We listen to Top of the Pops every week now."

#### Room 101

AT LEAST one vestige of traditional management lingers on at John Birt's BBC: rank-pulling over hotel rooms. In Blackpool on Tuesday night, Birt's inner cabinet started to arrive. They were led by Will Wyatt, the managing director of BBC network television, into the smart Pembroke Hotel in the centre of town, which is a hub of late-night conference schmoozing. Wyatt broke the news to several staff that they would have to abandon their marble bathrooms and satellite televisions because higher powers needed their rooms.

Dragging their laptop com-puters behind them, the refugees cleared out sullenly and are now stationed in a B&B some ten miles

#### Fab girl

NEWS to perk up the Duke of Buccleuch, who is said to be Europe's greatest private landowner. Jo-



anna Lumley, the behived television star who stumbles her way, swilling champagne, through Absolutely Fabulous, has bought a small cottage on his Drumlanrig estate in Dumfriesshire.

Supplies of Bollinger will be

hard to come by. The nearest village to her run-down contage is some ten miles away, and the place can be reached only by walking along a narrow track through fields and woodland. It's no place

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Liverpool at odds

on slave heritage

Sir, As my name was mentioned in

your report (September 9) and corres-

pondence (September 19, 24) on slav-ery and the image of Liverpool, I should be grateful to be allowed to make some points.

The politically correct (but histori-

cally absurd) view is to maintain the

fiction that the slave trade was an ex-

clusively white-on-black outrage, and

that Africans were always captured by

European raiding-parties. To say

otherwise, it seems, is tantamount to

ber 19) is right to point out that Liver-

pool continued to trade with slave-

holding states long after abolition -

indeed she is more right than she

thinks. Britain, like most other coun-

tries, to this day trades with states in

which slavery is endemic - all of

them on the African continent and

of Liverpool's overseas trade, as Mr Richard Foster, Director of the Mer-

seyside National Museums, points

out (September 24). Merchants fought

tooth and nail against abolition. But

who can now say how the gains from

slavery were ploughed into legitimate

industry — just as our present-day thriving (and multiracial) drugs bar-

ons contribute to the general wealth of the city? Incidentally, Mr Foster's mu-

seums are brimming with artefacts

which Liverpool privateers plundered

from French and Dutch ships. Where

What is certain is that not a single

site or building that sprang from this

odious trade now remains - which

makes the "slavery heritage trail"

such an absurdity. Unlike the light-

hearted tours of Beatles "shrines",

these excursions can only generate

what has become known as "Black

rage" - which has also manifested it-

self in random attacks on statues of

Liverpool worthies - even noble abo-

litionists — just in case their families

It was the same kind of "rage"

which earlier this year halted the res-

toration of a sculpted frieze on St George's Hall because this contains a

man of negroid appearance "bowing

the knee before Oueen Victoria". It

was of no avail to point out that all her

subjects did so. Even a statue of Chris-

topher Columbus has had to be re-

benefited from the ill-gotten wealth.

Slavery was certainly a cornerstone

Marika Sherwood (letter, Septem-

denying the Holocaust.

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From Mr Fritz Spiegl

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4 Windermere Terrace, Liverpool 8. September 29.

moved to save it from attack.

Yours faithfully,

FRITZ SPIEGL

Crowther at home From Mr T. R. Lowe

Sir, May I add a personal note to your obituary of Leslie Crowther (September 30). During a period spent as Chairman of the Antique Collectors' Club in Wells, Somerset, I had the dubious responsibility of booking the speakers on a low budget.

Having read a magazine feature about Leslie as a keen collector of pot lids and sporting prints. I approached him as a possible speaker, somewhat apologetically as the normal payment was between £10 and £15.

He responded immediately, inviting the club to his home where he and his wife, Jean, were marvellous hosts allowing the members to wander freely to view the collections, offering refreshments and showing particular concern for the older people on the visit. As a fee he suggested a donation to the local church.

It was an evening of great warmth and civility offered by a gentleman of immense charm.

TIM LOWE (Headmaster) Hereford Cathedral Junior School. 28 Castle Street, Hereford. October 1.

Please tick ...

From Mr D. R. Huntingford

Sir. When completing a monitoring form at a local authority charity funding and development conference I was intrigued to see the following: Please tick the boxes that apply to you. Sexuality: Heterosexual: Lesbian: Gay man; Gay woman; Bisexual; Other, please

I would like to know if anybody ticked the last. Needless to say I was grateful for the other note on the document: "You

do not have to complete this form." Yours sincerely, D. R. HUNTINGFORD. 4 Woodstock Road, Walthamstow, E17. October 1.

Uneasy lies the head

From Mr Keith Chambers

Sir, The Duchess of York is reported today as having said "I feel like I've got a 10-tonne truck on my head". Was this a left-hand drive vehicle or do even our figures of speech now have to be metricated?

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Yours faithfully. KEITH CHAMBERS. 19 Hill Road. Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

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### A HARDER EMU

Blair is starting to make sense on a single currency

Labour's policy on a single currency is hardening. This week in Blackpool, as our Political Editor reports, hints have been coming thick and fast that a Labour government would not join the first wave of economic and monetary union. Regardless of the merits or otherwise of British membership, a new Blair administration would not want to see its first term dominated by the preparations needed for Britain to sign up by 1999.

Enthusiasts for European Union in the Labour leadership used to believe that, if Britain did not enter the single currency in the first wave, the party's pro-European credentials would be tarnished; that this country would not be taken seriously by its European partners and its influence would he diminished. Now they are starting to Solink more subtly. They are aware that a Labour government in Britain is so fervently desired by other member states that the mood would become friendlier almost whatever Mr Blair did. And they are thinking more carefully about what EMU would mean.

Mr Blair used to say that he was in favour of the principle, but wanted to see proper convergence before signing Britain up. Now he has taken to using arguments of principle against a single currency: not those of sovereignty, but of economics. How, he asks, would a single currency area cope with an external shock which hit some countries harder than others? Without exchange rate adjustments, the only variables that can smooth out the differences are the movement of labour from poor countries to rich ones, or huge transfers of money from rich countries to poor ones. The former is difficult in the EU because of language and culture: the

latter would require huge subsidies. As Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve and custodian of one of the biggest currency unions in the world, could bil Mr Blair, America has these problems.

But it is easier for an unemployed car worker in Detroit to move to Colorado than for a Portuguese fisherman to start a new life in Germany. And even with greater labour mobility, the redistribution of money from rich to poor states in America is far higher than Europe could contemplate. The implication of Mr Blair's argument is that a single currency could work only if Europe were as united — economically, politically and linguistically — as America. That might take

the Labour leader's famous thousand years. If Mr Blair is worrying about the theory behind a single currency, others in his party are concerned about its implications for jobs. Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary. told the conference that "jobs will be the bottom line by which we judge whether Britain will join a single currency". He called for the Maastricht criteria to be rewritten to add low levels of unemployment. If this has any chance of happening, it will not be in time for the first wave. Mr Cook's stricter criteria, which include convergence of output and

investment, also point to delay. Labour's views on sovereignty are weaker than those of the Tories. A Labour government would still be tempted to join EMU if it felt that Britain would otherwise lose inward investment or sacrifice economic growth. But at least, by waiting to see what effect EMU had on the British economy, there would be a chance for Britain to remain outside for longer - possibly much longer if it were seen to gain from the flexibility of

retaining its own currency. Had Labour included a commitment to EMU in its manifesto for this election, a victory could have been taken as a mandate to join. As the party is pledged to seek "the full consent of the people" first, that now means either a referendum or a second general election. Labour is still wedded to the social chapter. But on the European issue that most divides the country, Labour has become a safer bet than it was.

### **BENCHMARKS FOR HONG KONG**

Firm words which will need to be backed by legal action

Chris Patten's annual policy speech yesterday was the last to be made by a British Governor of Hong Kong. Inevitably, it was something of a report card on the four years since he arrived, with a characteristically vigorous defence of the reforms that have buttressed political and administrative accountability and improved Hong Kong's quality of life. But its tone was anything but valedictory. The Governor was out to emphasise Britain's continuing political, after it reverts to Chinese sovereignty next July - and to lay down 16 "benchmarks" by which people will judge whether China is abiding by its treaty commitment to leave Hong Kong to manage its own affairs.

The administrative report card measures up well against Mr Patten's pledges of four tears ago. Then, he said that without losing its competitive edge. Hong Kong could clean up its environment and provide the social safety nets that would make it a more compassionate place. He has been proved right. Spurred by cuts in income and business taxes. Hong Kong has grown fast enough to finance heavy public investment in education, health and welfare, housing, community policing and anti-pollution measures, while still increasing its reserves by a quarter, to around £27 billion next year.

Politically, Peking's criticisms of Mr Patten have obscured facts with which Peking must soon contend. Habits of democrane debate have rapidly taken root; and Mr Patten's carefully circumscribed political reforms have consistently been supported by

two thirds of Hong Kong's people. Mr Patten's benchmarks for post-1997 Hong Kong neatly encompass the reasons why Peking fears Hong Kong as a source of unacceptable political pressures. They include probity in public life, executive autonomy, a meritocratic civil service,

financial independence, a "fairly and openly elected" legislature and freedom of the press, opinion and rights of assembly, including vigils and demonstrations. Such a list will irritate powerful Hong Kong businessmen who are confident that they have privileged channels to Peking. But it has much in common, as Mr Patten remarks, with changing political expectations throughout Southeast Asia. And in Hong Kong itself, his list has wide popular endorsement.

reason is that China trusted, as Britain largely has been, to respect the most basic principles of the rule of law. Hong Kong Chinese, looking nervously at the corruption, crime and arbitrary laws across the soon-to-be-dotted line that divides them from China proper, well understand the connection between political accountability and Hong Kong's future prosperity. That is why, as Mr Patten observes. China's determination to sweep away Hong Kong's first wholly-elected Legislative Council and replace it by a nonelected "provisional" legislature "lies at the heart of wider doubts about the future of pluralism and freedom in Hong Kong".

China intends to set up this provisional body even before the handover, an act that as Mr Patten implied yesterday would violate the Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong. Mr Patten says that the Hong Kong Government will have nothing to do with China's creation. Peking will not worry about that, however. He should go further. Britain should actively pursue the issue through international legal channels, thus demonstrating that for Britain and Hong Kong, the Patten benchmarks are firmly related to respect for treaty obligations. The sooner this is clear, the better. China is unlikely to respect the Joint Declaration after July, 1997, if Britain fails to challenge a breach while it still governs Hong Kong.

#### **BEYOND THE TOASTER**

The Consumers' Association offers its agenda for government

Among the small army of campaigners keen to display their wares at this year's party conferences is the Consumers' Association. Which? is no longer enough. Which toaster is a far 100 easy question. The Consumers' Association will offer Making Markets Work, its agenda for the next government.

This document marks a departure on several fronts. It attempts to address the big issues of quality and choice rather than the product-by-product analysis that Which? has long been known for. It aims to broaden the focus beyond consumer durables such as toasters to encompass any manufactured product. financial service, or government operation funded by payment or taxation.

In a process of modernisation not dissimilar to one conducted elsewhere, Sheila Mckechnie, director for the last 18 months, strives to redefine the language long associated with the association. The linkage of consumerism with self-interest and greed is rejected, as is the notion that the interests of customers and corporations are opposite and opposed. In recognition of recent trends it is accepted that "goods and services are increasingly being provided through the market". The regulatory regime of the

United States is offered as a model. This initiative comes at a time when the Consumers' Association has attracted some

controversy. The launch of its own credit card last month prompted accusations that, in this field at least, the independence and impartiality of the organisation has been placed in question. There are fears that this new style of campaigning will overshadow the traditional emphasis on product testing and detailed legal submissions. Ms McKechnie would retort that throughout its 39-year history the association has had the dual function of both promoting quality and

lobbying for legislative change. The details of Making Markets Work will prove provocative. On areas such as the practice of the professions, and the need for government to ensure that the material necessary for real choice actually reaches parents, the Consumers' Association is on the cutting edge of contemporary argument. In other cases, especially transport, with the predictable call for a comprehensive national policy, matters seem still stuck in the

mindset of the 1970s. Although it professes to support effective rules rather than just more regulation, the draft manages to propose one new ministry, ten new forms of supervisory agencies, and at least 35 examples of new or revised legislation, all in the space of 24 pages. This is a prospectus with much to impress but with rather too much to endorse.

From Mr M. Feld Yours faithfully. M. FELD.

**Political lobbyists** 

Sir, It is plainly imprudent for any MP or parliamentary candidate to accept payment from a lobbyist at any ing article, October 2). If payment does not establish an obligation, it im-

plies one.

adept at doing.

Yours faithfully EDWARD du CANN, 9 Queen Elizabeth II Street, Alderney, Cl. October 2.

tion, anxiety or distress

would cover, amongst other things: Mr Best, when nailing an evasive witness in court.

Anyone, when pressing Mr John Major to come to some sort of a decision on European monetary union.

Yours faithfully, PETER PRESCOTT. 8 New Square, Lincoln's Inn. WC2.

From Mr Peter Croft

The difficulty I foresee is building enough prisons to accommodate the entire staff of the Inland Revenue and the VAT inspectorate.

Yours faithfully, PETER CROFT. Blackmoor. 20 Tenison Avenue, Cambridge. October i.

### Blair's speech, his Loved ones at sea in BT yacht race

serves in the months to come, so will

Sir. Like Tracey Capstick. I stood on the quay at Ocean Village in South-ampton as dawn broke on Sunday.

September 29, and waved goodbye to my husband, a watch-leader on Yacht

Not surprisingly, it was an emotion-

ally charged atmosphere that morn-

ing - the awesome challenge of "the

world's toughest yacht race" hanging

over skippers, crew and families alike

but perhaps Mrs Capstick's pain

and anguish and her bitterness to-

wards the race and its organisers may

be balanced by the intense love and

pride I feel for my husband in taking

I hope the BT Global Challenge ful-

fils some of the dreams of its skippers

and crew and that they all return safe

and unharmed at the end of their own

Old Manor Farmhouse, The Square, Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire.

animal would be at all likely to intro-

duce rabies into the United Kingdom.

Sparrow Hall, Forty Hill, Enfield, Middlesex.

From Mr Glyn Ford, MEP for

rabies while in quarantine.

Community borders".

GLYN FORD,

their utilisation?

Yours faithfully,

B. O. AMURE.

October 1.

46 Stamford Road.

Mossley, Lancashire

From Dr Larry B. O. Amure

procedure was carried out.

The Surgery, 1 Drings Close, Over, Cambridgeshire.

From the County Surveyor of Essex

Sir, Mr Tim Craig, writing from a

Shropshire village (letter, September

25), doesn't want his country lanes re-

surfaced. This makes him rare my

postbag is filled with letters from peo-

I am sure the process he is referring

to is only "surface dressing", not a full

resurfacing, and means spraying the

road surface with bitumen and

spreading a thin layer of stones on it.

This doesn't do anything for potholes,

which need to be patched before it is

Surface dressing is essential to keep

water out of the road construction and

to retain skid resistance. It should be

done every six or seven years, but with

current budgets the average return

revert to cart tracks we don't need to

do surface dressing. Mr Craig might

not mind, but it would be a terrible

blow to the rural economy of the

Yes, if we want our country roads to

period now exceeds 20 years.

MARTIN COCKERSOLE.

Highways and Transportation

County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex.

Country roads

ple demanding just that.

Sir, If a wife's authority was sufficient

to allow extraction of spermatozoa

from her husband, why can her au-

thority no longer suffice regarding

I am baffled, as maybe the time to

consider consent was before the initial

Greater Manchester East (Socialist

Sir, Mrs Angela Barklam (letter, Sept-

ember 27) asks how many animals

over the last ten years have developed

Having asked exactly this question

of the European Commission myself

(except that it referred to the last five

years), I can tell her that the answer,

delivered on September 6, is that

"there have been no cases detected at

personal challenge.

Yours faithfully, JANE SADLER.

Yours faithfully

October 1.

HENRY CARTER,

Group (Labour))

all those who miss them.

Tyndalls Park, Bristol.

From Mrs Jane Sadler

Yours faithfully,

RAJ MATHUR, to Elmdale Road

October 2

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

From Dr R. S. Mathur

Watching Group 4 disappear in the

distance as it approached The Nee-

dles, having momentarily caught a

glimpse of my newly wed wife on deck

as the boat surged past our (relatively) clumsy ferry, I learned that it is possi-

ble to share in another person's sense of challenge and adventure. No mat-

ter how cynical one tries to be, this is a

Anyone with a loved one on board

the yachts will understand Tracey

Capstick's deep anxiety, and some of

us even felt the same panic as the ex-citement of the start faded and we

made our way back to empty homes and prosaic lives. Observing the start

in gale-force winds and rough seas, it

seemed likely that at least some of the

crew members will find the going

Hopefully, this will bring out quali-

ties and strengths whose existence

they did not previously suspect - and

this applies equally to those they leave

behind. Just as the competitors in the Challenge will have to find hidden re-

Rabies and quarantine

Sir, Lady Fretwell (letter, October 1) is

quite right to quote Mrs Angela

Browning's Commons written reply

of July 15 on rabies. Mrs Browning's answer also confirmed that, since

1971, of approximately two million

mammals of susceptible species (in-

cluding 200,000 dogs and cats) imported into the United Kingdom, not a

single scientifically proven case of

Like many other members of the

veterinary profession, I am of the op-

inion that the present quarantine reg-

ulations should be scrapped. Many of

us think that a system involving vac-

cination and blood testing of imported

cats and dogs, combined with the use

of microchips as a means of identifica-

tion, would be more humane and effi-

cient, and in line with modern scienti-

These measures, entirely under the

control of the state veterinary service,

would ensure that no legally imported

Sir, Without the husband's consent it

is not unlawful for the wife to abort his

haby: without her dead husband's an-

tecedent consent it is unlawful to use

his sperm to create his baby (report, October 1). What a funny old world.

From Mr Alan R. V. Anderson

Birth rights

Yours faithfully.

Côtes de Rozel

October 1.

Rozel, Jersey, Cl.

A. R. V. ANDÉRSON,

Kashmir plebiscite

From Mr Randhir Singh Bains

Sir, Sir Frederic Bennett asks (letter,

September 30) why India continues to

refuse to hold a plebiscite in Kashmir,

as demanded by the UN resolution of

August 13, 1948. The answer lies in

Pakistan's persistent refusal to hon-

our the first two parts of the resolu-

The UN resolution was in three

parts. The first and second parts cal-

led for a ceasefire and asked Pakistan,

as aggressor, to withdraw all its

troops, while accepting that India

could retain some of its troops in

Kashmir. Part three, which was not

binding unless the first two had been

implemented (see the UN aide-mem-

oire. January 14, 1949), asked for a

The holding of a plebiscite was,

therefore, dependent upon Pakistan's

vacating the ierritory it had forcefully

occupied during its invasion of Kash-

mir in October 1947. But instead of withdrawing its troops, Pakistan

waged a second war against India in

September 1965 to grab the rest of

Kashmir, thereby rendering any plea

for holding a plebiscite in Kashmir

RANDHIR SINGH BAINS.

From Mr Terence Gavaghan

34 Shere Road, Gants Hill, Essex.

In the early 1950s the great John

Ford directed the comparatively triv-

ial but since "cult" movie Mogambo

in which Clark Gable, Ava Gardner,

Grace Kelly and a young Donald Sin-

den starred. Much of the action was

young men squatted down in their chosen red silk breast-to-knee robes

Yours faithfully

ies on Cecil Rhodes

plebiscite to be held in Kashmir.

From Dr Henry E. Carter

rables has been recorded.

tougher than they ever expected.

source of wonder and exaltation.

From Mr Nicolas Walter Sir, My heart goes out to Tracey Cap-stick and her children (Sport, October Sir, "Without Mr Blair", you say (leading article, October 2), "the Lab-our Party would be nowhere". But l), deprived of her husband and their father, James, by the BT Global Chalwhere would Blair be, we may ask, lenge. There is, however, another side to the undoubted agony being caused by this event, in which amateur volunwithout the Labour Party? And where will he he, we may add, when he has finally got rid of all its policies and teers are competing in the toughest yacht race around the world.

Simon Jenkins (article, October 2) mentions Lloyd George's rhetoric and Ramsay MacDonald's snobbery. What about what happened to them, and to their parties?

party, his Britain

Yours etc. NICOLAS WALTER, 88 Islington High Street, NI. October 2.

From Bishop Hugh Montefiore Sir, So now we know. Blair's ten promises for a Labour Government do not include the environment and he

barely made any mention of this im-

portant subject in his speech. There seems little point in Blair's emphasis on the next 1,000 years unless we are reasonably assured that mankind will have another 1,000 years of existence.

Yours faithfully. †HUGH MONTEFIORE, White Lodge, 23 Bellevue Road, Wandsworth Common, SW17.

From Mr William M. Ballantine Sir, In his speech Tony Blair spoke of a Britain united: such a pity then that

his policy on Scottish devolution could

have exactly the opposite effect. Yours faithfully, W. M. BALLANTINE, 47 The Quarryknowes, Dean Road, Bo'ness, West Lothian.

October 2.

Sir. Would not a minimum wage be preferable to the present situation, which has the taxpayer, through family credit, subsidising skinllint employers who do not pay a living wage?

36 Grove House, Waverley Grove, N3. October 1.

From Sir Edward du Cann

However, it will be sad if one consequence of the present furore is to discourage individual subscriptions to political parties during general elections or at any other time or to renew demands for the state funding of poli-tical parties as a substitute. The need in a democracy is to involve an increasing number of individuals in the political process, as Mr Blair has sensibly sought to do for the Labour Party and the Conservatives were once so

It is undoubtedly right to question the judgment of MPs who have taken money from lobbyists, if not to pillory them. Even more culpable is anyone who seeks to corrupt the independence of MPs by payments to them. direct or indirect. It is astonishing that the man who employed the lobbyist has hitherto escaped equal criticism or condemnation.

#### Mind your words

From Mr Peter Prescott, QC Sir, Mr Best's proposed short Act of Parliament meant to catch stalkers (letter, October 1) only goes to show how difficult it is to frame one. Thus

his wording It shall be an offence for any person persistently to press his or her attentions upon another in circumstances where he/she knows or ought reasonably to anticipate that his/her words and/or conduct are or is unwelcome to that other person or may be so and may cause to that other person vexa-

My wife, when trying to get me to vacate the bath.

Sir, Congratulations to Mr Best on his proposed law to deter stalkers and others who make a nuisance of them-

> filmed in northern Kenya, where I was serving as a District Commis-I had gathered 1,000 Samburu warriors with spears, as well rewarded . extras for war-dancing scenes with Clark and Ava. As these splendid

before her. Ava clutched my elbow Costume drama and demanded: "Do you see what I

country.

Yours sincerely

County Surveyor,

Essex County Council,

At once Murielle Allen, wardrobe Sir. In your Diary item of September mistress married to Bunny Allen, leg-27 you referred to the "underpant endary white hunter-in-charge, leantrouble" of Zulu extras in the so-far ed to the rescue with kilt pins to secure confused and disappointing BBC1 serthe revealing partitions of the front

> TERENCE GAVAGHAN, 62 Hotham Road, SW15. September 30.

> > Business letters, page 29

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

YORK HOUSE October 1: The Dake of Kent this afternoon attended lunch with the Damascus Chamber of Commerce and as President, the Commonwealth

and as President, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, laid a wreath at the Commonwealth Military Cemetery.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a reception given by Her Majesty's Ambassador, Mr Basil Eastwood, and later a dinner given by His Excellency Doctor Saim Tassine, Deputy Prime Minister of the Syrian Arab Republic, Damascus, Syria.

RAI MORAL CASTLE

cus, Syria.

BALMORAL CASTLE

October 2: The Duke of Edinburgh.
President, World Wide Fund for
Nature - WWF International, this
morning chaired a meeting of the
WWF Executive Committee followed
by Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.
His Royal Highness, Grand Master, this evening attended the Guild of
Air Pilots and Air Navigators Court
Investiture and Dinner at
Armourers Hall. 81 Coleman Street.
London ECZ.

London EC2.

The Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain), accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Ross (Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office) and Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Mather (Assistant Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office), was present at the Tower of London this evening and, in The Queen's name and on Her Majesty's behalf, delivered the Keys and Custody of Her Majesty's Palace and Fortress of the Tower of London to Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge. shal Sir Peter Ingo.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 2: The Duke of York this morning attended an Ecumenical Service in the Johanneskirche. Dusseldorf, Germany, to commemo-rate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of North Rhine-Westphalia. His Royal Highness afterwards

attended a Concert of Celebration at the Tonhalle. Dusseldorf, with the Federal President of Germany (Herr

Roman Herzog). The Duke of York this afternoon visited the Rathaus, Dusseldorf.

His Royal Highness later visited Pilkington GmbH and the Science Park, Gelsenkirchen.

The Duke of York this evening attended a Reception for the Dusseldorf Bridsh business community at the Residence of Her Majesty's Consul General.

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**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 2: The Princess Royal, President. British Knitting and Clothing
Export Council, this morning visited
Business Link London City Partners.
'8 Great Eastern Street, London EC2.
Her Royal Highness, President,
Shipwrecked Fishermen and Marihere.' President Society later. ners' Royal Benevolent Society, later attended the Annual General Meet-ing and Awards Presentation at Fishmongers' Hall, London Bridge, London EC4.

London EC4.

The Princess Royal this afternoon visited PSION plc, 17-19 Bristol Road, Greenford, Middlesex.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Association of Combined Youth Clubs, this evening visited the impetant Trust Youth Motorcycle Display Team, Royal Albert Basin, Woolwich Manor Way, London Elfs, the New Canteen Youth Project, Vicarage Lane, Stratford, London Elfs: Tower Project, White Horse Road, Limehouse, London El; and Limehouse Youth Club, Limehouse Causeway, Westferry, London El4.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 2: The Princess Margaret, October 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited St Albans and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire (Mr Simon Bowes

Lyon).

Her Royal Highness visited St
Albans High School for Girls and
opened Junior House.

The Princess subsequently attended Choral Evensong and visited
the "Alban in Glory" Flower and
Craft Festival in the Cathedral and
Abbey Church of St Alban.

#### Today's royal engagements

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The Princess Royal, as Patron of the institute of Logistics, will open a new international railport terminal, Doncaster, at 2.30; and will visit the mayor's parlour. Mansion

Princess Margaret will attend a reception at the Imperial War Museum at 7.00 to mark the 75th anniversary of the Navy. Army and Air Force Institutes.

#### **Emmanuel College**, Cambridge

Lord St John of Fawsley has been elected into a life fellowship of Ernmanuel College, Cambridge, on his retirement as Master.

#### Reception Prime Minister

The Prime Minister was the host at a reception held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of the

#### Premium Bonds

The following Premium Bond prize winners were announced

E100,000: 21QT 467971, winner has a holding of £10,000 and comes from Suffolk; 21NL 866811, £10,057, Kent; 01BT 331587, E104, Hamp-shire; 35MT 062397, £12,435, West Midlands.

E50,000: 36ZT 769996, E20,000, Somerset; 17MT 807397, E5,000, Shropshire: 24FZ 587378, E1,200, Northamptonshire; 48SK 981593, £10,000, Middlesex; 26SL 152773, E15,000, Bedfordshire; 24NP 008976, E15,000, Warwickshire; 62QZ 386237, E11,202, East Sussex, E25,000; 48EN 221929, E2,002. Hampshire; 25SW 378723, £10,652, West Midlands; AB 899371, E2, Surrey: 46QS 620920, E20,000, Middlesex; 17GL 551739, E2.251, Buckinghamshire: 67MN 911397, E5,700, Fife; 42NT 050001, £7,000, Hampshire; 60FZ 240907, E20,000, Dorset; 31ZL 400146, E5,000, Lewisham, London; 20XS 161048, E7,507, Camden, London; 23RL 994310, E9,740, East Sussex; 25DL 077919, £9,903, overseas; 43QT 130135, £7,550, Strathclyde;

#### Birthdays today

BIRTHS

Lupin

Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, 72; Lord Bruce of Donington, 84; Mr Christopher Bruce, ballet dancer and choreographer, 51; Mrs Ingar Brueggemann, secretary-general, inter-national Planned Parenthood Federation, 63; Lord Denham, 69; Mr R.W. Ellis, former Master, Marlborough College, 67; Sir Terence English, Master, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, 64; Mr Garry Herbert, rower, 32: Sir Roger Hervey, diplomat, 62: Dame Pamela Hunter, former vice-president. National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations,

77; Lord Knights, 76; Mr T.D. Melville-Ross, Director-General. Institute of Directors, 52; Mr William Newton Dunn, former MEP, 55; Earl Peel, 49. Mr Ruggero Raimondi, bass

baritone, 55; Sir Shridath Ramphal, former Secretary-Gen-55; Sir Shridath eral of the Commonwealth, 68; Mr John Ritblat, chairman, British Land Company, 61; Viscount Sidmouth, 82; Sir John Stow, former Governor-General, Barbados, 85; Mr John Suthern, jockey. 45; Mr Gore Vidal, author, 71: Judge Monique Viner, QC, 70: Mr Reg Withers, former Gov-ernor, Brixton prison. 65.

### Prime Minister's art collection rivalled that of the King

#### Walpole's pictures return after 200 years

By JOHN SHAW

PICTURES from the rich art collection formed by Sir Robert Walpole, Britain's first Prime Minister, are about to return home for the first time since 1779.

Three paintings from the Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, are among a wealth of material originally at Houghton Hall, Walpole's country seat near Fakenham, Norfolk. They will go on show at the Castle Museum, Norwich, on October 12.

Houghton Hall: The Prime Minister. The Empress and the Heritage brings together items from Russia, the United States and collections in this country for a two-month show which then moves to London.

Andrew Moore, keeper of art and curator at the Castle Museum, said: "I think this exhibition will be a landmark. Walpole is always looked upon as a political figure, but this shows him as a man of taste and imagination." Walpole (1676-1745)

born at Houghton and amassed an extraordinary art collection of 400 pictures, rivalled only by the King himself. They hung at Downing Street and in the Treasury before they were brought together with sculpture, furniture and silver at

The nucleus of the picture collection, 181 canvases, was valued at £40,000 by James Christie, founder of the auction house, in 1778. The following year they were sold privately, despite a row in the Commons, to Catherine the Great of Russia.

But after two centuries three are returning, including The Holy Family by Nicholas Poussin, Pope Clement IX by

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, OC. Sec-

retary of State for Foreign and

Commonwealth Affairs, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Mr

Abdulaziz Kamilov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan.

Mr Brian Currie, President of the

Institute of Chartered Accountants

in England and Wales, and mem-

a luncheon yesterday at Chartered Accountants' Hall. Guests were

The Lord Mayor of London the Right Hon Sir John Chalstrey,

MA, MD, DSc, FRCS, Mr Alder-

man and Sheriff Clive Martin,

Corporation of London.

Gray's Inn

Bench of Gray's Inn.

Aldermen and officers of the

Maple Leaf Club M Richard Guay, Agent General

for Quebec, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Maple

Leaf Club held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Judith

M. Steiner, chairman, presided. Mr Paul King, Agent General for British Columbia, also spoke.

Mr Christopher Wilson-Smith, QC, has been elected a Master of the

bers of the Institute's Council gave

The Institute of Chartered

Accountants in England and Wales

Luncheons



The Holy Family by Poussin is one of the pictures that have been lent to the Walpole exhibition by the Hermitage Museum at St Petersburg

Carlo Maratti and a portrait of a man by Salvator Rosa. Other pictures from the collection were sold on by the Soviet Government to raise foreign currency in the 1920s. Three examples now in the National Gallery of Art, Washington, from the Mellon Collection will also be com-

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir David Lan-

caster Nicolson, company chair-man and former MEP, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Knights-bridge. The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated. Mr Charles Nicolson, son, and

Mr Andrew Whist, Chairman of

the America European Com-munity Association, read the les-

sons. Sir Owen Green gave an

address. The High Commissioner

for Canada was represented by

Miss Anne Stewart. Among others

present were:

present were:
Lady Nicolson (widow), Mrs Victoria
Henderson and Mrs Davina
Campbell-Golding (daughters), Mr
and Mrs Robert Nicolson (brother and
sister-in-law). Mr Simon Thoriey, QC.
(stepson), Mr and Mrs Oliver VaughanJones (stepson-In-law and stepdaughter), Mr Alexander VaughanJones (step-grandson), Mrs A Griffiths
(sister-in-law), Miss Marinelta
Nicolson, Mrs Janie Grace.
Lord Shaughnessy, Lord Piumb,
MEP, and Lady Piumb Sir Michael
Palliser, Lord Piumb, Sir Michael
Palliser, Lord Ringsland, QC. Lord
Boardman. Sir Anthony Meyer
(European Movement) and Lady
Meyer, Admiral Sir Frian Brown
(chairman, F B International and
chairman, F B International and
chairman, Sir David Gardy (Chairman of
the Trostees, National Maritime
Museum, Greenwich).

Saliors), Sir David Hardy (Chairman of the Trustees, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich).

Sir Michael Craig-Cooper (president, Kensington and Cheisea Conservative Association). Darne Simone Prenderson Sir Dies in Rower-Jan.

Activation of the Company of the Cooper (president). The Cooper (president) of the Cooper (president) of the Cooper (president). The Cooper (president) of the Cooper (president) of the Cooper (president). Sir Christopher Lewinton. Mr Keith

ing back to Norfolk. They include studies by Frans Hals and Sir Anthony Van Dyck. Some pictures have been loaned by the Marquess of Cholmondeley; they normally hang in the public and private rooms at Houghton, a house which has just under-gone a big refurbishment.

Thompson. Mr and Mrs Freier Thompson, Mr and Mrs Neville Kirby, Miss Ann Foster, Mrs K Marshall, Mr Robert Newman, Mr and Mrs I. J Thomas, Mr and Mrs M R L Hayes, Major-General and Mrs Nigel St G Gribbon, Miss Jennifer Tanburn, Mr and Mrs Peter Ford, Mr and Mrs Malcolm Wells, Mr Alan Brabant, Mr Alan Brabant, Mr Neil Chalmers, Commander Francis Ponsonby, Mr I Stoutzker.

Stoutzker.

Dr C H B Honeyborne, Mr John O R
Darby, Mr Alan R Tyrrell, OC, Mr
Charles F Hughesdon, Mr Edward
Harford, Mr Jeremy Rimber, Mr David

Charles F Hughesdon, Mr Grand Harford, Mr Jeremy Rimber, Mr David Donne, Mr Jeremy Rimber, Mr David Donne, Mr Jeremy Rimber, Mr David Donne, Mr Jeremy Rimber, Mr John Mr John

Memorial service

Mr Moore, who initiated the exhibition, said it was the first time that pictures from the Hermitage and the National Gallery in Washington had been reunited with those from Lord Cholmondeley's private collection to give visitors an idea of what the original holding looked like.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Pierre Bonnard, painter, Fontenay-aux-Rises, 1867; Louis Aragon, writer, Paris, 1897; Eddie Cochran, singer, Oklahoma City,

1938. DEATHS: St Francis of Assisi, 1226; William Morris, poet, printer and socialist, London, 1896; Sir Arnold Bax, Master of the King's Musick 1941-53, Cork, 1953; Sir Malcolm Sargent, conductor, London, 1967; Woody Guthrie, folk singer, New York, 1967; Jean Anouilh, dramatist, Lausanne, 1987; Sir Peter Medawar, medical scientist. Nobel laureate 1960. London, 1987; Sir Alec Issigonis, designer of the Mini car, Birmingham, 1988.

SOS became the international distress signal replacing the call sign CDQ, 1906. The aerosol was patented, 1941.

Postcodes were introduced into Britain, 1959.

#### Latest will

Jon Pertwee, the actor whose many roles in a 60-year career included Doctor Who and Worzel Guramidge on television, left £418,995 net. Mr Pertwee, of London SWI5. left the income of his estate to his novelist wife ingeborg, and the rest of his property to his daughter Dariel and actor son, Sean.

#### **Marriages**

Mr A.D.D. Harries

and Miss J. Austin
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 28, 1996, at the
Parish Church of St Mary the
Virgin, The Lace Market, Nottingham, of Mr. Alastair Duncan
Dickern Harries, youngest son of ham, of Mr Alasian Dukan Dickson Harries, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Harries, of Sanderstead, Surrey, to Miss Jill Austin, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Austin, of Carilon.

Mrs Malcolm Austin, of Cariton.
Nottingham. Canon James
Edward Neale officiated.

The bride, who was given in
marriage by her father, was attended by Stephanie Jake, James
and Clara Austin and Miss Jane
Artus. Mr Patrick McLoughlin was best man.

A reception was held at Edwalton Hall Hotel, Notingham and the honeymoon is being spent in the Caribbean. Mr R.H. White and Miss F.B.G. Bumpus

and Miss F.B.G. Bumpus
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 21, 1996, at St
Mary's Church, Hampstead, of
Mr Roger Henry White, son of the
late Mr Victor White, and of Mrs
Bessie White, to Miss Francesca Bernardine Graham Bumpus, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard

#### Needlemakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Needlemakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Bruce Amery: Senior Warden, Mr David Culling; Junior Warden, Mr David Ezekiel.

#### Service luncheon

Sudan Defeace Force
Sir Donald Hawley presided at the
annual luncheon of The Sudan
Defence Force Dinner Club held
yesterday at The Army and Navy
Club. The guest of honour was
General Sir Peter de la Billière.

#### Election

**Dinners** 

Dr Karl Linkbater has been elected President of the British Veterinary Association for 1996-97.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr G.H.A. Chisenhale-Marsh and Miss L.M.A. Brockman The engagement is announce hetween Guy, son of Mr and I Anthony Chisenhale-Marsh. Mickley, North Yorkshire, and Liselle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Don Brockman, of Sydney,

Australia. Mr C.N. Fothergill and Miss R. Whiter The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Fothergill, of Aust South Gloucestershire and

Rosie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Whiter, of Los Angeles, California. Mr D.S. Opperman and Miss M.A.L. Petit The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Opperman, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Marie-Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrien Petit. of

Learnington Spa, Warwickshire. Mr P.E.M. Patten and Miss A.M. Jardine The engagement is announced between Piers, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Hugo Patten, of Kensing-ton, London WII, and Alexandra,

elder daughter of Mr and Me's Richard Jardine, of Ashfield-cu. Thorpe, Suffolk. Mr R.A.K. Peace

and Miss S.J. Jaggard
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Ben Peace, of High Ongar. Essex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Jaggard, of Willingale, Essex. Mr P.M. Schluter and Miss H.J. Back

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Dr and Mrs Michael Schluter, of Cambridge. and Helen, daughter of Professor and Mrs David Back, of Liverpool. Mr A.J. Simpson and Miss G.M.S. Glover

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs John C. Simpson, of Copt Oak, Leicestershire, and Genevieve, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John S. Glover, of

Guild of Air Pilots

and Navigators
The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand
Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, presided at a court meeting and dinner held yesterday at Armourers' Hall. He was received by Dr Ian Perry, Master. Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten also spoke.

Haberdashers' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, with the Commis-sioner of the City Police and Mr W.F.W. Bischoff, Chairman of Schroders, were entertained at dinner last night at Haberdashers' Hall. The Master, Mr Peter Bedford, presided at what was the last dinner held in the hall before its demolition and redevelopment. Among the guests were:

Arthung the guests were:
The Master Cutter in Hallamshire,
the Warden of the Mercers, Grocers
and Haberdashers of Richmond,
Yorkshire, the Governor of the
Merchant Adventurers of York, the
Master of The Merchants of the City
of Edinburgh and Sir Michael
Hopkins.

Lord Mayor of Westmi The Lord Mayor and Lady May-oress of Westminster were the hosts at a dinner held last night at

Westminster Council House. The guesis included: Mr and Mrs Urs Aberhard, Mr and Mrs Marcel Hungerbuehler, Mr Albert Kunz, Mr and Mrs Robert Reich, Mr Daniel Senn and Miss Aranzazu Marquez.

Guild of Freemen of the City

of London Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan, Master of the Guild of Freemen of

the City of London, and Lady Buchanan were the hosts at a dinner held last night at Trinity House. Rear-Admiral Patrick Rowe, Deputy Master of Trinity House, and Sir Peter were the speakers. Lord and Lady Finsberg, Sir Clifford and Lady Chetwood, Mr and Mrs N.S. Munday and Mr and Mrs J.C.F.B. Byllam-Barnes were among the guests.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FORR - Allistair Henry tragically on August 26th, beloved son of Arthur and Trish and loved brother of Gavin, Stuart and Jo. Thanksgiving Service at St. Andrews Church, Oxsbott, Surrey at 5.00pm Friday 11th October All welcome. No flowers please. Donations, if wished, to Arican Wildlife Educational Trust, co Ernst & Young, Bedford House, 16 Bedford St, Belfast 572 7DT.

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(Newcastle). The Rev John Armstrong, Curate, Great Wilbraham, Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom and Fulbourn: to be Priest-incharge, Bassingbourn w Whaddon (Ely). The Rev Gary Askey, SSM, Prior

of the SSM Community House, Kennington: to be licensed within the diocese of Southwark. The Rev Leslie Austin, Vicar, Long Preston (Bradford): to be Rector, Shirwell Team Ministry (Exeter). The Rev Jonathan Brice Assistant Curate, Victoria Docks, The Ascension: to be Priest-in-charge, Vic-

toria Docks, the Ascension The Rev Peter Brindle, Vicar, Kirkstall St Stephen: to be Vicar. Beeston St Mary (Ripon). Curate, Burntwood; to be Vicar.

Bentley (Lichfield). The Rev James Dickie, formerly Chaplain, Clifton College (Bristol): to be Chaplain. Marlborough College (Salisbury). The Rev Jeremy Dowding, Curan

Risca (Monmouth, Church in Wales): to be Priest-in-charge, St Chad, Whitleigh, Plymouth (Exeter).

The Rev Nigel Hartley, Priest-incharge, Great Finborough w Onehouse, Harleston, Buxhall and Shelland, and Acting Rural Dean of Stowmarket and continue as Priest-in-charge of the above parishes (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

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BIRTHS
BALDWill - On September 27th, to Sasha and Gil, a son, Patrick Hugo Wainwright, a brother for Luke.
BRRLEY - On September 22nd, to Frances (née de Putron), and Tom, a won, james Edward Pellew, a brother for Hugh.
CHORLEY - On 26th September, to Linda (née Hobbs) and Julian, a darling daughter, Lydia Caitlin, a sister for Natasha and Adam.
CLARKE - On September 17th 1996, to Lisa (née Todd) and Jereny, a beautiful daughter Olivin Jeminn.
DESGLE - On 21st September 1996, to Lovie (née Tan), and Devid, a son, Dominic Richard David.
DUMAJKO - Jayne and Baymond are proud to announce the birth of James Alexander George, on 15th September 1996. "Buby new to earth and sky".
FARRCLOTH - On 1st October at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Selina, (née Grafitey- Smith), wife of Charles Faireloth, a son, Felix Hootus.
MOOD - On 27th September, to Charlotte (née Leahy- Taylor) and Simon, n daughter, Natasha Lara Leahy Isabel, a sister for Victoria and Jomin,
HOWARD - To Bilary (née Fish) and Brian, on September 25th, a son, William, a brother for Oliver.

MORIARTY - On September 28th, in Fremantis, to Piona (née Wim) and Brace, a son, Byan James.

NEW THONG - On 28th September at The Portland Hospital. Beautiful bouncing girl, Nathalie Caltin. Frond parents Marie and Robert.

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WOODWARD - On September 20th 1996, to Camilia (née Sainsbury) and Shaun, a daughter, Eatherine Matilda Rose. **DEATHS** ABRARIS - On 30th September, Reginald Frank, peacefully in Petabury Hospital. The loved and respected father of Drummond and Edm his wife, and grandfather of Susie, her husband Jonathan; Juliette and Alexander; and his great-grandchildren Charlie and Rabecza. Femeral service at St. Pruls Church, Rusthall on Thursday, 10th October at 2.15p.m. followed by interment in Rusthall Cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations to Stroke Association. c/o EE. Hickmort & Son. 41, Geove Hill Road, Tunkridge Wells. 1781 450.

AMMOVAZZI - Alfred (Tomy), aged 80, in hospital, Sydney Australia, on October 1st. Loved husband of Patricis and father of Gaham. and father of Gaham.

AUSTIM - Anthony Herbert
Major (Ret'd) E.T.E. suddenly
at home on Saturday 28th
September aged 80 years.
Husband of Marjords, father
of David and Anne,
grandfather of Katherine,
Thomas and Harriet. Funenal
service at Yeovid
Crumstockum on Monday 7th
October at 2.30pm. No
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E.T.E. Sensvolent Fund c/o
AG. Down, Funeral Directom,
66 South Street, Bridport,
Donset D76 31Mt.

**DEATHS** SCHRAGER von ALTISHOFEN -On Tuesday September 24th at St. Mary's Paddington, to Nicola (nés Lovett-Standing), and Charles, a daughter. Vittoria Ella WARD-On 23rd September, to Jane (née Smith) and Anthony, a son, Archie, a brother for Henry and Kata.

BARKER - On 27th September 1996, James Robert, passed peacatuilty away in Bedford Hospital, aged 3 years, of Haynes West, Bedfordshire. Beloved son of Nigel and Figure 1998, brother to Sazah and Figure 1998, brother a St. Mary Magdalene Church, Westoning at 11.00am, followed by interment in Westoning Cemetery. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to Neville Funcai Service, The Old Church, Flitwick Road, Ampthill, Beds MK45 2NT. Tel: (01525) 406132. R is the passents wish that black is not worn at James'

BROWNE - The Rt. Hen Str Patrick Reginald Evelya, on Treaday 1st October 1996, in his 90th year, peacefully at home with his family. Funeral service at St. George's Church, Thriplow on Monday 7th October at 11km followed by a private cremation. Family Howers only please. Twee can be planted in his memory by strangement with The Woodland Trust, The Austuma Park, Dynat Road, Geantham, NG31 611.

CARVALHO - Robert Nunes, died in his 90th year on 2nd October. Funeral Spanish and Portuguese Jews Cometery, Hoop Lane, Golders Green NW11 noday (Thursday) at 4pm. Prayers at Lauderdale Road Synangone W9 on Monday 7th October at 8pm.

DOOM - John Dudley, D.S.C. w M.B.E. aged 80, former home Secretary of U.S.P.G., suddenly and peacefully on 1st October at St. Elchards Hospital Chichester, despity loved busband of Francesca. Funscal at St. Mary's Church, Fittleworth on Wednesday 7th October at 2.30 p.m. Randly flowers only please but donations if desired to U.S.P.G.

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DYMOTT - Walter Joseph
Dymott M.E. On September
25th at Burnham Lodge
Nurshing Home, much loved
husband, father and
quandfather aged 90 years.
Fassed Master Whoslwrights
Company, It was his wish
that this notice be delayed
until after the family
funeral

GROEG - Peter Kipstrick, died peacefully at the Field House Nursing Home, Harsenden, Herte, on Friday 27th September. Funeral Service to be held at St Helen's Church Wheathampstaed at 12.15 pm on Thursday 10th October. Family flowers only, otherwise, donations gratefully received for the Cancer Research Fund. clo Philips Funeral Services, Parchment House, 9 Victoria Road, Eurpenden, Herts. Tel. (01582) 461100.

HEATH - Benjamin Paul Andrew aged 32, on 28th September, dearly loved son of Mand and the late Kenneth Heath, brother of Nicholas and Sarah, Princial in Colebration of his life on Friday 4th October 11.30 am at Highonte Cemetery rimay 4th October 1230 am at Highgate Cemetery London Nd. Donations if desired to The National Astma Campuign clo Leverton & Sons Ltd, 212 Eversholt Street, RWI 120.

HITCHIM - On Tuesday Ist October, Aylwin Brakeford Hitchin, passed away peacefully in Boypi Alexandra Hospital in Palexandra Hospital in Palexandra Hospital in Palexandra Hospital in Palexandra Hospital in Colore of Oral Surgery at The University of Dandes, Pather of Susan and David and grandfather of Lindsay and Anna, Thunksgiving Service in St. James Church, Broughty Feury, on Friday 4th October at 11 am and followed by a private family burkal

HOLLAND - At Basingstoke
District Hospital on 28th
September. Leslie Victor,
hosband of the late life and
father of Linds and Dinns.
Funeral service on Theaday
8th October at 12.15pm at
Mattingley Parish Church
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Stroke Association or
Imperial Cancer Research.

JACKSOM - Edith Honor of London WI. Ided pencerally on September 25th after a very long illness courageously bonne. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NVII at 12 noon on Friday October 11th Flowers to H.J. Bent & Co. 1C Westminster Court, Aberdeen Place, London NWS 8JN. (0171) 723 1186.

LEY - Charles David, peacefully on 29th September 1996 Funeral Polity 4th October, 10.30am, S. Joseph's EC Church, 1 Bolton Road, Chiswick WA. MCMORLAND HUNTER - of Haften Douglas Bruce Major the South Lancashire Registers, PWV (Bet'd.) pancefully in the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, on September 24th. Dauzh beloved henhand of Ethabeth, father of Charles and Inne and confiftation of the sind confirmation of the sind confirmati

Ethabeth, father of Charms and Jame and grandfather of Sam and Louisa. At his request the private funemal has taken place Donations if depired to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Bestiment Street, WIN 2AA. SHALL - Lawrence Mackensile (Mac), aged 85, suddenly on 1st October, husband of Namey, Funezal at St. John the Septist Cherch, Sarinan, at 11.45 on 8th October, Family flowers only. Dona-tions, if wished, to the Church Resteration Fund.

MOGFORD - Stephen George, of Paddock Wood, Kest, on 30th September pencefully aged 82. Beloved husband of the into Doris May, father of Stephen John and stephen for Pattip Charles Collivook and much loved grandfather. For many years with Barclays Benk International and also the Italian International Bank Funcani service at the Methodist Church, St. Peter Street, Tiverton, Devon on Priday 11th October 1996 at 11.00am followed by burial at Tiverton Cemetery. Flowers and enquiries to Cross and Seale, 27 Selmont Road, Tiverton Ex16 6AE - Tel: (01884) 252227.

NOOSS - Dr John, died suddenly at home on 1st October. Dearly loved husband of Odette, father to Faul, Soam, Sandy and Michael, grandigaler to Rebacca and Daniel, Puneral to be haid at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 8th October, at The Chunch of St. Margaret Expeden, Henleyon - Thansea, October, Family flowers only. Donations to The Motor Natural Disease Society clo Tomnihus & Son, 38 Reading Read, Henleyon-Thanses.

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MARR - Kenneth Arther, em
September 20th 1996,
pescefully in hospital aged
39 years. Emeritus Professor
of English Literature
Liverpool University and
Pellow of the British
Academy, Loved husband of
the lates Mary, dear father of
Ratharine (deard) and David,
dusphier-in-law Evelyn,
geundchildren Thomas and
Rathryn. Private cremation
at Landican Crematorium
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RUGGLES - Madge, died on 30th September after a long illness bravely borne. A lovely and dear wife to her kunband Bobert and very sadly missed by her dunghter Carole, by her grandchildren Camilia and Roys, by her brother Maurico and by her many other relatives and friends. A femeral service will be held at St. Mary's Church, Old Town. Eastbourne on Tuesday Sth October at 12.20 p.m. Enquiries to Haine & Son Ltd. (01323) 727801.

SANDENSON - (Murpeth)
Northumberland, Rectory
Park, suddenly but
peacefully on October Ist
aged 86 years, Olive May
(Sally), Duar wise of the late
Col. John Lilburn, much
loved mother of Victodia and
son-in-law Richard also a
devoted grandmother of
Nicholas and Caroline.
Funezal service St. Mary
Magdalene Parish Church,
Mitford, Morpeth, on Priday
October 4th.

SELLAR - On September 30th 1976, pencefully, filimbeth Maud, beloved wife of the late Paddy. Wonderful mother to Jane, Patrick, Devid and the late, and adored by all her grandchildren. TREGGS - Richard Lainsbury Triggs B.Sc., F.L.C.E., on Monday 30th September, husband of the inte fanna Triggs and father of Elizabeth. Service at Chichester Commtorion on Wednesday 9th October at 12.00. noon. Farther information from Edward White & Son Teb (01243) 782136.

VICKERS - Anthony Inn Archibaid peacefully on 27th September at Tenterden Frivate Russing Bome. Cremation at addays on 7th October at Canting, near Ashford. Memorial service at St. Mary's Church, Stone, sear Tepterion on 19th October at 11 sts.

WALKER - Nigel Edmund
Douglas at the West Schfolk
Hospital after a short filness
on 2940 September, aged 74.
Devoted husband of the late
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ndssed by his clater Diana
Spencer and by all his family
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Cheshem Sois at 11 am, on at St. Leonard's Church, Chesham Bols at 11 am, on Friday 11th October followed by interment at Chesham Bols Cemetery. Family flowers only places Enquiries to Cooks Puneral Service. Tel:(01494) 791

WALTERS (infe Hogg), Vivien Smanne, pencefully at home on October let. She will be greatly missed by her sons Michael and Miles, her five grandchildren and all her family and friends. Funeral service Twendry 8th October at 10.30 nm, at Patney Vale Consetury. Friends welcome informally afterwards at Deuton Lodge, Enquiries T.M. Sanders & Sons, Teb. (0182) 876–4673.

WHITEAWAY - Bettle Ling, on 29th September, 80 years, eldest won of the late Sertin and Violet Whiteaway, density loved by his family. Funeral service St James' Church, Weybridge, 2-65pm, 11th October. No flowers, donations if desired to Cancer Research, C/O F Puine, 106 High St, Esher.

September at Prades, France, after a long illness. Swami Yogeshwazananda, formerly knowa as Vers Mabal Wright (née Thomas).

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Robert Bourassa, former Premier of Quebec, died of skin cancer yesterday in Montreal aged 63. He was born on July 14, 1933.

The Premier of Quebec is invariably a key player in Canadian political life, embodying the aspirations of the country's only French-speaking province and its nearly seven million people. However, even by that standard, the tall, slender, slightly ungainly-looking Bourassa stood out.

He was at the centre of an extraordinarily large number of events that helped to define - or at least illuminate, for good or ill the relations between Quebec and the country's English-speaking majority. These included some of Canada's most torrid and divisive constitutional crises, which Bourassa had a hand in fornenting his aggressive pursuit of Ouebec's incessant demands for increased legislative powers.

A master of the political art of ambiguity, he was often suspected

by Canadian federalists of being a political game more. He became a secret supporter of the cause of Quebec independence - a "closet separatist". But this did not stop him from being equally suspected - by autonomy-minded Quebeckers - of being too fond of Canada.

Reservations about his loyalty to the Confederation largely vanished during the 1992 constitutional referendum campaign, when he fought hard for a package of proposals for renewing the Canadian Constitution. Nevertherless, the package was voted down in Quebec as it was, paradoxically enough, throughout most of the English-speaking Canada. The result left Quebec isolated, constitutionally speaking, just as it had been for

more than ten years. Bourassa was in many ways an improbable arbiter of the destinies of so many Canadians, outside as well as inside Quebec. Bookish and even vaguely aesthetic in appearance, immensely dignified and often aloof, he came across on first impression as anything but a tough

Yet few have ever relished the

### ROBERT BOURASSA

master at defusing the unending crises, large and small, that bedevil relations between the French and English in Quebec. Many of the disputes relate to language; Bourassa himself was the architect of some highly explosive lawsaimed at curbing the use of English:

Born into a lower middle-class family in Montreal's East End -his father worked for the Federal Government as a documents cierk - Bourassa attended a Roman Catholic parochial school and then the classical Brebeuf College. After graduating from college he studied law at the University of Montreal on a scholarship. Later academic awards enabled him to study economics at Oxford and tax law at

Harvard. He spent a lew years working, successively, as a Canadian Government financial adviser, a university lecturer in economics, and finally as secretary to a provincial commission examining Quebec's financial structure. Then, in 1966, he entered politics and was elected

to the Quebec National Assembly as Liberal member for Montreal's Mercier riding.

On January 17, 1970, he was clected leader of the Quebec Liberal Party, in a three-way race. Little more than three months later, on April 29, 1970, he was at the helm as the Liberals swept the ultra-right-wing Union Nationale out of office. Thus, at the age of 36, he became the youngest-ever Premier of Canada's largest and second most popu-

lous province.

Bourassa had been Premier for hardly more than six months when Quebec was rocked by the so-called "October crisis" involving the kidnapping of a British trade commissioner and the kidnapping and murder of a provincial Cabinet minister by a terrorist group known as the Front de Liberation du Quebec.

The abductors were eventually captured and sent to prison, but not before the Federal Government at Bourassa's request - invoked Canada's War Measures Act, a form of martial law. Hundreds of suspected FLQ sympathisers were

rounded up and thrown into prison for varying periods without ever being charged. Many Canadians never forgave Bourassa for his part in what they considered an arrogant and shameful trampling on people's basic rights.

Bourassa's Liberals were reelected in 1973 but suffered a humiliating defeat at the hands of the pro-independence Parti Québécois in 1976. Crushed and bewildered, he relinquished the party leadership, but got it back after spending a few years in the political wilderness. In 1985, he got his revenge on the Parti Quebécois. who in the meantime had lost an independence referendum but won a second term. In 1989 he trounced them again for an astonishing fourth majority win in five elections as Premier. He resigned the Premiership because of ill health in

While at the University of Montreal. Bourassa had met Andrée Simard, a girl from a family of rich Quebec industrialists. They were married in 1958. She and their son and daughter survive him.



#### **AUBREY BRABAZON**

Aubrey Brabazon, Irish jockey, died on September 30 aged 76. He was born on January 7. 1920. AUBREY BRABAZON was a

jockey blessed with perfect hands, superb balance in the saddle, and an uncanny mastery of tactics in a race. But, above all, he fused this talent and understanding into a rapport with his mounts, and this was nowhere better demonstrated than with Cottage Rake and Hatton's Grace both trained by Vincent O'Brien — which he roue to was - which he rode to win and two Champion Hurdles respectively.

Through their joint exploits, which made racing history and first established the potency of the Irish challenge at the season's greatest National Hunt meeting at Cheltenham, their rider became a legend in his native land, known simply as "the Brab". Such was the fame of his deeds that they even gave rise to verse: Aubrey's up, the money's down. / the frightened bookies quake. / come on, my lads, and give a cheer, / Begod. tis Cottage Rake."

Yet the sequence of success tage Rake, a nine-year-old, came to Cheltenham in 1948 with only one previous win over fences, and had fallen in the Leopardstown Chase immediately preceeding the Cheltenham Gold Cup. O'Brien, also on his way to becoming a legend, and Brabazon. vere so nervous before the big event that they had to stiffen their resolve with a large port and brandy at the bar, despite the rider being clad in his silks and weighed out for the race.

Cottage Rake started at odds of 10-1, which beforehand seemed a realistic assessment of his chance of taking National Hunt racing's crown of crowns. But the reality was different. Approaching the final fence he took the lead. Then, the better-fancied



Happy Home, owned by Miss Dorothy Paget and ridden by another outstanding Irish Malony. iockey. Martin outjumped him.

O'Brien was watching from this point, saw Happy Home's prodigious leap, and started back to the unsaddling enclosure gloomily assuming Cottage Rake was beaten. But he had reckoned without Brabazon's coolness and skill in the saddle. Cottage Rake overtook Happy Home on the stiff uphill run-in and won by a length and a half without his rider ever touching him with the whip.

Aubrey Brabazon was born at the Curragh. His earliest riding experience was gained with his father, Cecil, who ran a successful mixed training yard, and with J.T. Rogers. His first winner came at the age of 15 on Queen Christina at Phoenix Park and in January 1944 he first rode for Vincent O'Brien.

This association, which was to bear such fruit, was successful again, after the first Gold Cup victory, when Cottage Rake and Brabazon were unbeaten throughout the whole of the next season. They triumphed in the important Emblem Chase at Manchester, in the prestigious King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on the day after Boxing Day 1948. and then once more, this time at odds-on, in the Cheltenham

Gold Cup. This, Brabazon later admitted, was a hard-won victory. But the third Gold Cup in 1950

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had completely surprised his

old adversary, Martin Mal-

ony, who was able to do no

Hatton's Grace, Brabazon's

other hero, was a completely

different sort of horse from

Cottage Rake. Although he

had been bought for only 18

guineas and looked unprepos-

sessing, the crowd adored

him - as well they might, for

he won three Champion Hur-

dles, two of them, in 1949 and

1950, superbly ridden by Brab-

azon. Brabazon later recalled

his "old pal": "We didn't know

too much about him the first

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more than trail in second.

was also a great practitioner on the Flat. In 1948 he captured the Irish Oaks for the Aga Khan, which prompted an amusing recollection from him: "The Aga was not at the Curragh so when Masaka beat the Aly Khan's Amina by a length, the Alv Khan still had to lead in the winner. Since he'd had £500 on Amina he was muttering a few unrepeatables under his breath as he tried to smile for the photographers."

Brabazon also won the Irish 2,000 guineas on Mighty Ocean in 1950 and in 1946 he had shared the Irish jockeys' championship with his old rival and friend, Martin Malony with 30 successes apiece. Altogether, in Ireland alone under both sets of rules he rode 406 winners.

In 1961 he took out a trainer's licence, his best horse being My Kuda who took the 1966 Ulster Harp Derby and was placed at Royal Ascot and in the Goodwood Cup. Brabazon was also a former director of the Curragh Bloodstock Agency and in 1983 was made an honorary member of the Irish National Hunt Steeple-

chase Committee. His brilliance as a jockey apart, Brabazon is warmly remembered both in Ireland and by the racing fraternity in this country as a thorough-

going gentleman. He leaves his widow, Ethne, four sons and three daughters.

#### **DOUGLAS HYDE**

Douglas Hyde, journalist and political campaigner, died on September 19 aged 85. He was born on April 8, 1911.

"I HAVEN'T lived two lives." wrote Douglas Hyde shortly before his death. Nonetheless, his book. I Believed, published in 1951, charted the at best idiosyncratic, at worst duplicitous, life of a man who was to move from an impassioned belief in communism and an editorial job at the Daily Worker to a conversion to the Roman Catholic faith.

Hyde himself said that there had been a continuum in his life which had always been the most meaningful thing to him. The sceptical Rajani Palme Dutt, the great theorist of the Communist Party of Great Britain, might have suggested bitterly that this continuum could be traced to the fact that Hyde had acted as a police spy all along. But for Hyde it lay rather in his commitment to the plight of the politically repressed and his fight for social justice. As a Roman Catholic he was in sympathy not with the conservative Right but with the ideals of liberation theology - the ground where Christianity nd Marxism meet. With the election of John Paul II to the papacy he grew rapidly disaffected with the gospel of quiescence which the Vatican

preached and drifted away from the Church again, turning once more towards his old socialist ideals. Douglas Hyde's somewhat erratic odyssey was to begin against the most conventional petit bourgeois backgrounds. His parents were Methodists and Hyde was at first drawn towards the Methodist ministry. But as a young

man he went regularly to "Spouters Corner" on the Bristol Downs where he found the provincialism of his upbringing challenged by such orators as Lewis Jones, the militant Welsh miner, and Wal Hannington, a Communist, speaking in defence of the executed American anarchists, Sacco and Vanzetti. It was after hearing the

latter that Hyde, much to the consternation of his staunchly Liberal father, joined the International Class War Prisoners' Association in 1927. A year later he became a member of the Communist Party and his theological studies were cast aside in favour of an earnest pursuit of Marxist and Leninist dogmas. At that time, Hvde wrote in I Believe: Christ stood for me eternally, whip in hand in the Temple, turning out the money-

Moving to North Wales in 1930 — the only member of the CPGB in the area - Hyde threw himself frenetically into the task of furthering his

political ideals. He established new CPGB branches in the region, organised Left Book Club groups and stalwardy supported the Republican cause during the Spanish Civil War, launching the Spanish Medical Aid Ambulance Fund. He was later to recall the period as one of the best and most personally satisfying of his life.

In 1938 he moved to Surrey where, instructed by the party, he joined the Woking Labour Club, enticing many of its members over to his cause and eventually staging a collective pullout to form a new CPBG branch. He also edited the newspaper Atom for a while, before progressing to the editorial staff of the Daily Worker.

Because of ill-health, Hyde was not called up on the outbreak of war and, after a 1941 Government ban of the Daily Worker which was to last for more than 18 months. he worked to set up an illegal CPGB newspaper. It was never distributed and when the ban on the Daily Worker was lifted in September 1942 he returned to his post as news

After the war, however, increasing Stalinist clampdowns in Eastern Europe shook the foundations of Hyde's Communist convictions. Fervent in his idealism. his disillusionment was correspondingly profound. The execution of a former colleague, Ludwig Freund, Czechoslovakia's Communist Minister of the Economy, crystallised his doubts. Hyde, who had anyway been surreptitiously following a course of induction into the Roman Catholic faith. was spotted by a CP member

leaving a church. He announced publicly that he was defecting from the party and, amid the ensuing furore, resigned his job at the Daily Worker.

Perhaps, however, his volte face was not as abrupt as it at first seemed. Hyde went on to work as a lecturer and correspondent in the developing world, focusing on the same issues of poverty and injustice which had so inflamed his passions as a young man. He campaigned for the release of political prisoners and he himself spent a total of more than two years incarcerated in Asia. He nearly died during his imprisonment in the infamous tiger cages" of Con Son

Island. However, in the wake of the cautious tone struck by the current Pope, Hyde became increasingly distillusioned by the anodyne approaches of the Vatican towards problems of social justice. He no longer practised as a Catholic and lapsed increasingly back to-wards his earlier political beliefs. He sought, he wrote in 1992, to identify the elements of Marxism which still remained valid for him. "I clung and cling to my historical materialism as the only thing that made sense of history and

produced the best people | have known, Even in his last years when his health was severely declining he, in the company of his close companion Rosemary Logan, could be found at meetings and demonstrations. campaigning against racism or nuclear weaponry.

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He is survived by three sons and a daughter.



Douglas Hyde, front, at the Vatican

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In a number of parishes in the Church of Scotland the settlement of a minister without the consent of the congregation was deemed to be an intrusion.

greeting them with a volley of stones They were not, however, permitted to proceed, for on coming within reach, vollies of stones were hurled at them in such a manner as to oblige them to retreat. Matters having now assumed a most alarming appearance, an officer and three or four revenue-cuttermen. who were in the neighbourhood, were hastily brought up, armed merely with their cutlasses and pistols. One double-barrelled gun and a few pistols were all the arms that could be distributed in addition among the maintainers of the law, others being obliged to provide themselves with sticks. Having formed in as good order as possible, with the four

preceded by the sheriff, again advanced towards the church, and were received, when within reach, by vollies of stones. The sheriff then read the Riot Act, but, before concluding it, would have been brought to the ground by a stone, which he only avoided by bobbing his head. The non-intrusion rioters had placed the women in front, thinking, perhaps, that the legal authorities would hesitate firing while they were in the way, and the men were ranged behind them, and kept up an incessant discharge of stones as large as they could hurl. One woman, more bold than the rest, advanced so near that Mr. Cameron, the Procurator Fiscal, seized her, she resisted, however, so vigorously that it was not until they had both fallen and rolled upon the earth that she was secured, placed in a gig, and driven off to Cromarty gaol by a messenger at arms. Scarcely a person had not been struck by stones before the order was given to fire upon the rioters. One man was apparently wounded in the leg, and, not possessing further ammunition, the revenue officer then ordered the party to charge with their cutlasses and with sticks. At this juncture, he was knocked down, and had a rib fractured, and, about the same instant, he received a severe wound on the back of the neck from a missile.

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■ Mandy Allwood was said to be devastated after losing her remaining five babies and the dream of becoming the first woman to give birth to octuplets.

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Multiple birth woman loses babies

Miss Allwood, whose pregnancy sparked an ethical debate over fertility treatment, selective abortion and chequebook journalism, had been told on Monday that it would be a miracle if any of the babies were to survive.....

#### Labour unlikely to join single currency

The Labour leadership is edging towards a decision to stay out of the first wave of a European single currency if it goes ahead in 1999. The party's most influential figures are privately voicing serious doubts over whether a Labour government coming to power next year would want to make such a momentous move so soon after entering office ..........Pages 1, 10, 11

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A woman who was banned from using her dead husband's sperm to have a baby thought she was pregnant at the time of his death, the High Court was told . Page 6

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All 70 people aboard a Peruvian jetliner were seared dead after it

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Thanks to the investments made in the 'Glorious Thirties', France is one of the best equipped countries as far as transport infrastructure is concerned. France has not yet experienced a British-style decline marked by massive dilapidation which worsens public transport. But the drastic reduction of the TGV programme is a kind of alarm — Le Monde

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A harder emu Labour is still wedded to the social chapter. But on the European issue that most divides the country, Labour may have become a safer her than it was .....

#### Hong Kong challenge

China is unlikely to respect the Joint Declaration after July, 1997, if Britain fails to challenge a breach while it still governs Hong

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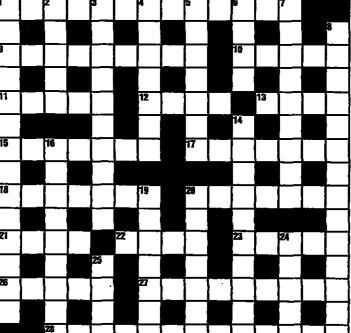
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I Invite round for report on highlevel activities (5,8). 9 Briefly have terrier changed for

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12 Prepared an about-face (4).

13 Air pollution finally kills cat (4). 15 Boy holding map showing frozen north (7).

17 Downfall of the Gods not by supposed author (7). 18 One put in charge of collection, as

clergyman virtually gets nothing 20 Criticise one answer that could fix

everything (7). 21 Listen to hard rock (4). 22 Quick read is inadequate - no

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23 In US, refuse to reelect any seriously hated leaders (5).

26 Deck reshuffled at the start in return game (5).

27 One attacking king in time, thus, with rook (9). 28 A more impotent version of sick

European chap? (7,6).

I No straight talking in this Dickensian office (14).

2 Tight nut that's becoming loose (5).

3 Riding? Do get a form of insurance (5.5). 4 Patient having expired? (7).

5 Stopping a bottleneck? Super! (7). 6 Bill - tip, too (4). 7 Having trouble with joints in

space over loft, we hear (9).

8 Make wasted effort to sell an obsolete narcotic (4,1,4.5). 14 Drift thus from Eton or Oxford to

the City? (10). 16 Left a piece of paper in office (9). 19 To recover, it needs a sort of

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ase off as winds swing northwest. Thereafter showers and squally gusty winds will develop. ☐ London, southeast England, East Anglia, Channel Isles: bright intervals, watery sunshine, clouding over from north, rain later. Winds southwest, strong or locally gale force. Cold. Maximum 18C, 64F.

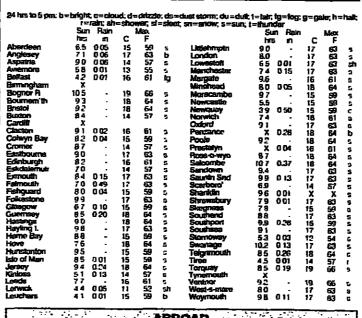
Central southern England, East Midlands, eastern England, West Midlands, southwest Eng-land, South Wales, Central north: after early brightness it will turn mostly cloudy by midday. Rain will spread from north in afternoon. Winds southwest, strong with gales in places. Cold. Maximum 16C, 61F. ☐ North Wales, northwest Eng-

land, Lake District, Isle of Man, northeast England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, st Scotland, Glasgow Central Highlands, Moray Firth Argyll, Northern Ireland: overcast Rain heavy, persistent and thundery at times. Local flooding. Squally showers later. Wind strong or gale force, southwest veering northwest gusty. Cold. Maximum 15C, 59F.

☐ Northeast Scotland, northwest Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: mostly cloudy with showers, some heavy, thundery or prolonged. Winds will be southwest veering northwest strong to gale, squally gusts. Cold. Maximum 13C, 55F.

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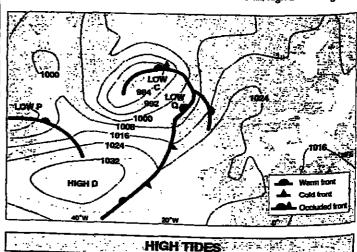
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THURSDAY OCTOBER 3 1996

### Success for Eurotunnel with £4bn rescue package

By Jonathan Prynn TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

EUROTUNNEL'S dramatic 18month struggle for survival appeared to have ended in success yesterday when the company clinched a £4 billion refinancing package with its banks, averting the

threat of insolvency. Sir Alastair Morton and Patrick Ponsolle, Eurotunnel's co-chairmen, called a hurriedly convened emergency board meeting to approve the plan last night after the breakthrough.

The deal, which could eventually

give the 225 banks 70 per cent or more of the equity, involves an immediate swap of debt for equity that gives the banks an initial 49 per cent control.

Although the deal lifts much of the short-term uncertainty hanging over the company, the shares are likely to fall sharply when trading reopens next week because of the scale of the dilution.

The shares were suspended at 114p on Monday after a sudden narrowing of the gap between the two sides in talks over the weekend. The complex package is believed to involve a £1.5 billion swap at a

conversion price of around 160p. A bond issue, thought to be convertible at 265p, could wipe out a further £2.5 billion of borrowings, bringing the total outstanding debt to manageable proportions.

Other components of the package include a cocktail of warrants,

bonds and convertible loans. Some City analysts, however, remained deeply pessimistic about the pros-pects for shareholders. Richard Hannah of UBS Phillips & Drew, said the underlying value of the

shares was just a handful of pence. The value of the expected cash flows of about £5 billion to £6 billion during the lifetime of the concession compared with the £9 billion debt and £3 billion of equity that had been pumped into Eurotunnel, he said, "In those circumstances you would

normally regard the shares as worthless."

However, other commentators said the fall in the share price would be limited by the loyalty of the existing shareholder base, the vast bulk of which comprises small

shareholders in France. The remaining 135,000 UK shareholders were also unlikely to sell because "they hold the shares for the travel privileges not for the prospect of making a fortune," said one City source. A number of crucial hurdles

Eurotunnel is finally secured. The 26 instructing banks meet this week to discuss the proposals and must persuade the rest of the £9 billion

syndicate to accept. One rogue bank voting against them could place the survival scheme in jeopardy. In addition, two thirds of the 745,000 Eurotunnel shareholders, many of whom have been deeply critical of the course that the rescue talks have taken, must also approve the terms.

#### **BUSINESS TODAY**

LONDON MONEY

### Shares close above 4,000

**ECONOMICS** CORRESPONDENT

LONDON'S FT-SE 100 index closed above 4,000 for the first time yesterday, buoyed by strength in the dollar and on Wall Street and by a positive reaction in the financial markets to Tony Blair's address on Tuesday to the Labour Party conference.

The FT-SE ended 22.9 points higher, at 4,015.1, a record for the second day running. The index has now railied around 380 points - more than 10 per cent -- since its 1996 low in

New records were also achieved in Frankfurt and Amsterdam. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones in dustrial average made early gains. Stock markets around

the world have largely been benefiting from developments in America. with the dollar touching its highest levels since early 1994, and bonds profiting from a perception that inflationary pressures there remain weak and that interest rates, therefore. will remain low.

This positive effect has been compounded by the continuing troubles of Japan's economy and talk of large outflows of Japanese investment into for-

But in Britain there was an added ingredient to yesterday's buying, with government bond traders talking about "the Blair effect. Gilts finished around a full point higher. partly boosted by receding fears about a Labour government. Traders were impressed by the businessfriendly tone of the Labour leader's conference speech and the promise of fiscal and price discipline from Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, in his

speech on Monday. Sterling railied to end at 87.3 on its index against a basket of currencies after having closed at 87.0 on Tuesday - and hit a three-and-a-half year high against the yen. The dollar briefly rose above YII2, a two-and-a-half-year high. ☐ Britain's official reserves fell by an underlying \$113 million September.

> Pennington, page 27 Markets. page 28

# Share bonanza awaits Norwich Union voters

By Marianne Curphey

ALMOST three million investors and policyholders will receive an average £500 of free shares from Norwich Union when it floats on the stock market next summer.

It will be the first flotation by a mutually-owned UK life insurer and will create a company worth between £3 billion and £4 billion. This will give it a value similar to that of Legal & General, but smaller than the Prudential or Commercial Union.

A wide range of policyhold-ers will be included in the windfall payouts. Most holders of life, pensions and annuity plans will benefit, including holders of life insurance non-profit plans, a category often neglected in vouts. But noidets of motor household or health insurance policies, unit trusts and Peps will not qualify

Each qualifying member will receive a fixed number of free shares. Qualifying memprofit policies will receive an extra allocation of shares depending on the type and age of policy. All qualifying mem-bers will be given preferential rights to subscribe cash for further shares.

Though the average payout will be £500, some policyholders will receive far more, while others, for example those with low-value term assurance. may receive less than £100. NU is the UK's second-

largest mutual insurance company after Standard Life, with £40 billion in funds under management and £4.7 billion of worldwide gross premium in 1995.

It will send out further details of the flotation next spring, after which members will vote. The insurer will need a venue large enough to hold



Floating voters: George Paul, left, Norwich Union chairman, with Allan Bridgewater, chief executive, yesterday

tens of thousands of investors. and the London Arena is being considered. If, as expected, the plans are approved, the mutual will become a public company by June, 19 months after the rumours first began.

Floration will involve radical restructuring and the creation of a new holding company, Norwich Union plc. Allan Bridgewater, chief executive, believes that the group has been held back from expansion because it has been restricted in its access to capital. He proposes to separate the life fund from the general insurance business. This move will protect the life fund from the volatility of the insurance market, and give the company the freedom to make more adventurous in-

The group is expected to raise an estimated £2 billion of new capital from the stock market and pay around £1.5 billion to policyholders. Mr Bridgewater said new

NU policies taken on from

October 3 onwards would not qualify, nor would secondhand NU life policies. Members who die, or whose policies mature before the vote, will receive an extra bonus, worth 3 per cent of the final value of

A fixed number of free shares will also be paid to each employee and pensioner. The directors of the society have waived their entitlement to this allocation.

A number of companies are believed to have contacted NU after rumours about a flotation began circulating. However, analysts believe that a hostile bid for NU would cost

a predator E5 billion, a price

that few could afford. Roman Cizdyn, insurance analyst with Merrill Lynch, said that the City's main fear was that NU might use its spare cash to make acquisitions that would not add value to the company.

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### Decision soon on BA tie to American

By Jon Ashworth

THE Office of Fair Trading has completed its long-awaited report on the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines,

The report has been passed to Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, who must decide whether to refer the alliance to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Such a move would almost certainly prove the deathknell of the link-up.

The airlines have argued that pooling their services on the competitive North American routes will free up the market and benefit consumers. Greater competition would rely on the signing of an "open skies" accord between the UK and America.

Airlines, Delta and Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic. have argued that a BA-American alliance would create a stranglehold on the key trans-

BA and American had hoped to launch a combined service in April, pooling frequent-flyer schemes and offering a "shuttle-like" service to cities like New York and Chicago. Whatever the outcome. the airlines will not meet the April deadline.

Mr Lang is expected to announce his decision in the next six days. The consensus is that he is likely to decide against a monopolies referral, subject to concessions by BA on prime-time slots at Heathrow. Access to Heathrow is one of the main issues raised by US airlines seeking a

foothold in the UK. The DTI confirmed that it had received the OFT report. but would not be drawn on the content.

City prickly on Thistle price

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#### Injunction threat to **Camelot**

By GEORGE SIVELL

OFLOT, the National Lottery regulator, is contemplating a court injunction against Camelot, the operator, over failure to meet commitments on

equipping retail outlets. Peter Davis, the regulator, is concerned by Camelot's failure to install the number of scratchcard verifying machines in shops over a number of months as specified in Camelot's licence Oflot says Camelot had

missed its target by around 300 scratchcard-only retail outlets in March and about 750 in June. Mr Davis said: "I am very

concerned that Camelot has failed to meet its licence commitments and failed at first to provide accurate information to my office."

Camelot has told Oflot that the problem was due to an overestimation. It said: "We are now back on course to meet the December target."

### HoF faces \$1m legal action

By Jon Ashworth

HOUSE OF FRASER, the troubled stores group, is being sued for more than \$1.1 miltion by an American clothing company in connection with various consignments goods last year. Calvin Klein leanswear, which makes Calvin Klein branded jeans under licence, is demanding payment plus interest in the action, outlined in a writ lodged at the High Court in London. Calvin Klein Jeanswear is a

subsidiary of Designer Hold-

ings, a quoted US company,

and is not part of the Calvin Klein fashion empire. It is suing House of Fraser (Stores), based in Glasgow, claiming \$1.15 million, representing the balance of the price of goods sold and delivered to House of Fraser, plus interest. The writ details amounts in invoices between

The move is a further embarrassment to House of Fraser, which this week announced plans to close up to ten stores - threatening hun-

January and November 1995.

dreds of jobs - to try to revive The group, spun-off from the Fayed empire, and its Harrods flagship, in a flotation in 1994, employs 9,000 staff in 51 stores across the UK. Calvin Klein Jeanswear has

been aggressively pursuing American retailers selling counterfeit Calvin Klein clothing. There is no suggestion that House of Fraser is involved in such activities. House of Fraser was unavailable for comment on the

writ vesterday.



#### SHARES in Thistle Hotels, Britain's second-largest hotel group, have been priced at

170p, bottom of the indicated range of 170p to 210p reflect-City sentiment that the offer was too expensive.

There are also fears of a glut of hotel offerings. One analyst said: "The general perception was that it was quite an expensive offering on measures such as cash flow,

historic return on capital and

normalised earnings before

depreciation and tax."

By Jon Ashworth

The shares opened at 1722p, a slight premium, when conditional dealings began yesterday. Brierley Investments, the

New Zealand company that owns 70 per cent of Thistle, said the issue had been priced to ensure "the float gets away positively At 170p, Thistle is valued at

£1.05 billion. The offer will raise about £238 million, net of expenses, and allow Brierley to reduce its stake to 46 per cent. Robert Peel, chief executive, said: "The group's strengthened financial position will support ongoing refurbishment and expansion

of room capacity." The Thistle offer is worth £360 million, of which £250 million is from shares issued by the company. The balance comes from Brierley, and the two investment arms of the Singapore Government.

Thistle owns 100 hotels and is Scotland's largest hotelier.

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BRITISH AIRWAYS yesterday declared its surprise that Israel had threatened to take it to court over the airline's new

cut-price fare promotion.
Under the promotion, the purchaser of a British Airways ticket from Israel to London is entitled to buy a companion ticket to non-European destinations, including Asia, the US and South America, at half the normal fare.

The arrangement would allow Israelis to fly via London to other countries at much cheaper prices than those offered by other airlines for direct flights to a number of major desti-

One BA official said that the Israeli Ministry of Transportation had issued such warnings last year against a similar fare promotion and, in the end, no action was taken against the airline.

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However, Menachem Sharon, director general of Israel's Civil Aviation Authority, insisted that the promotion be halted immediately or British Airways would face the consequences. He said: "If tickets are sold, we will take legal steps."

Mr Sharon told journalists that the airline was in clear breach of the aviation agreement between the two countries, which requires Israeli approval of the British carrier's fares, even to third destinations. He said the latest promotion would hurt not only El Al. Israel's stateowned national carrier, but also American airlines that fly to Tel Aviv. such as

Mr Sharon said he believed the fares offered between Israel and the US were already reasonable and the market did not need to be more competitive. He noted that in the past two years, two American airlines. World Airways and Delta Airlines, had ceased their flights to Tel Aviv because of the

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### Cairn seeks to take Command for £185m



CAIRN ENERGY, the oil exploration group, said yesterday that it intends to make a £185 million offer for Command Petroleum, an exploration and production company listed on the Australian stock exchange (Oliver August writes). Cairn's shares jumped 22p to 394 p on the news. The group plans

to partly finance the acquisition through a one-forthree rights issue at 360p per share. Command's main producing asset is a 22.5 per cent interest in the Ravva oil field, offshore India. In addition, it has interests in Yemen, Russia, Tunisia and Papua New

Mongolia, Command has recently announced proved and probable net reserves of 58 million barrels of oil equivalent.

Pictured are Mike Watts, left, general manager of exploration at Cairn, Agnes Macicod, finance

### Butte Mining gives pledge to turn declared profit into loss

By GEORGE SIVELL

THE Financial Reporting Review Panel has struck at Butte Mining's declared profit for the last full year of trading. turning it into a loss.

Butte's directors have promised the watchdog that examines complaints on company reports and accounts to rerelease figures for the year to end June 1995. They will show a loss of £628,000 instead of the profit before and after tax of £339,000 that was reported in December.

It is understood that there will be no proceedings against shares held by Butte in Gem River Corporation, a stock listed on the Alberta Stock Exchange in Canada. Butte received the shares in Gem River for services rendered and took a profit on the whole transaction into its figures.

But the FRRP maintains that profit should only have been taken on the shares that had been sold by the date on which the accounts were drawn up. The remaining shares were subject to an agreement prohibiting their trading on the Alberta exchange until conditions relating to the success of a Gem

River mining operation were fulfilled and a specified period of time had elapsed.

The FRRP wrote in its adjudication: "In the Panel's, view the ultimate cash realisation of these shares could not be assessed with reasonable certainty and profit should not have been recognised on this element. A consequent downward adjustment is also needed to the turnover figure at present published."

The FRRP says that the revised accounts will also provide some clarification of the position of the non-equity shareholders in respect of the

dividend attaching to the company's convertible cumulative redeemable preference shares.

The 1985 Companies Act requires that any item included in annual reports and accounts should be determined on a prudent basis, and "only profits realised at the balance sheet date shall be included in the profit and loss account". The accounting standard

SSAP 2 defines prudence by stating "revenues and profits are not anticipated but are realised by inclusion in the profit and loss account only when realised in the form of cash or other assets, the ultican be assessed with reason-

able certainty".
The FRRP was at pains to emphasise yesterday that it does not scrutinise public company accounts for defects but acts on those that are drawn to its attention either directly or indirectly. Italso pointed out that where it finds that ac-counts are defective it will endeavour to secure their revision by voluntary means, but if this approach fails it will make an application to the courts for an order compelling a revision. So far it has never had to make an application.

#### **Small firms** tace more red tape

BY NOEL FUNG

THE red tape burden on small businesses is costing companies 2 per cent of their turnover, or the equivalent of hiring an extra member of staff, according to a study by the Forum of Private Business.

The forum urges government agencies to work more closely together and bring all business regulation into a single inspectorate, to ease the difficulties for small organ-

A growing concern about the problem is highlighted in the report, called The impact of Red Tape on the Owner-Managed Business: A Year-It says the bulk of the cost in

complying with red tape is spent on setting up new procedures, and maintaining the information and systems for compliance. In the study, 92 business

owners were tracked for a year from July 1995, recording the regular and one-off forms they filled and their contacts with the government.

The findings echoed the forum's quarterly surveys, which showed an increasing percentage of respondents identifed red tape as their most-important

### Building recovers

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

**NEW** construction spending in America rebounded in August from a July drop, the Commerce Department said yesterday, as private builders picked up the slack from a slumping pubic sector.

Total spending on new projects rose 0.9 per cent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$562.1 billion in August, recovering most of a 1.1 revised from 1.4 per cent.

All the increase in August spending occurred in the private sector, where outlays increased 1.3 per cent to a rate of \$423.4 billion after a 1.2 per cent decline in July.

By contrast, public, or taxpayer-financed, building projects recorded a third consecutive monthly drop, falling 0.2 per cent after declines of 0.7 per cent in July and 0.3 per cent in June. Analysts said the pickup in

August building was not robust enough to alter the picture of a slowing economy in the final six months of this year. Most expect second-half growth to ease to an annual rate of about 2.5 per cent from the second quarter's 4.7 per cent surge, when national output was rising at its fastest

#### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

### Floats and takeovers reach record levels

STOCK MARKET flotations and takeovers reached record levels in the first nine months of the year, according to two surveys published yesterday. However, KPMG's corporate finance survey says that investors are now applying the brakes on flotations. KPMG estimates that in the first nine months of the year more than £8 billion was raised from new issues but says: "Investors are starting to baulk at the prices on offer, so activity in the final quarter is expected to tail off."

on otter, so activity in the linat quarter is expected to tail off," It also blames the disappointing performance of some newly listed companies for its forecast of a slowdown.

Acquisitions Monthly says the value of takeover bids reached £42.6 billion in the first nine months of 1996, comfortably ahead of £40.3 billion at the same stage of 1995, a record year. Rothschilds, the merchant bank, is heading the league table of deals handled and UBS, the Swiss Bank, completed the highest number of deals in the first nine months. The publication believes the value of fees paid to advisers for takeover bids over the year could exceed £1 billion for the first time, "making this year the most lucrative yet for bankers, brokers, accountants, lawyers and public-Pennington, page 27 relations consultants."

#### Johnston slides

IOHNSTON, the construction and engineering group, spent £340,000 defending itself against June's hostile tender offer from TT Group. That added to difficult trading conditions in the six months to June 30, a period that saw pre-tax profits drop to £1.65 million, against £3.79 million last time. Earnings fell to 7.5p per share, against 22.67p, but the interim dividend rose from 4p to 4.5p, due on December 12. Johnston's shares, for which TT Group was offering 500p, held at 465p yesterday.

#### Pegasus ends Sage talks

PEGASUS, the accounting software company, yesterday withdrew from merger talks with the rival Sage group. The Pegasus board said that Sage's conditional offer, which was increased during the negotiations, "undervalues Pegasus's excellent medium-term trading prospects and the significant benefits which would accrue to Sage from a combination of the two businesses". Pegasus also concluded that the acquisition would almost certainly have been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

#### 'Ethical charter' plan

SAINSBURY and the Co-op are launching an "ethical charter" for their suppliers in a bid to sever ties with Third World employers who subject their workers to unacceptable working conditions. The scheme, co-ordinated by the Tradefair Foundation, will ask own-brand suppliers to commit to a range of ethical standards, which will be set by March next year. The first phase of the charter will apply to fewer than a dozen products coming from the Far East and South Africa. It is not expected to come into effect until 1998.

#### Maxwell action

ADMINISTRATORS of Maxwell Communication Corporation have issued proceedings against a former Maxwell entity, seeking £7.3 million plus interest. Price Waterhouse initiated the action against Maxwell Financial Trust on October 1. The claim, part of a "mopping up" exercise involving the Maxwell group of companies, centres on a dividend for £7.3 million paid to MFT in October 1990. Price Waterhouse says the defendant is liable as a constructive trustee and seeks return of the money plus interest.

#### Camas expands in US

CAMAS, the building materials group, has expanded its US operations with the acquisition of Model Stone of Minneapoi million. Model Stone has four ready mix and a fifth under construction, a block plant and sand and gravel reserves. These operations are said to fit with Camas' vertical integration strategy at its Denver base. Net assets of the acquisition amount to £17 million and goodwill £5 million. Model Stone made pre-tax profits (restated) of £2.4 million in 1995 on turnover of £28 million.

#### Thames Water sells

THAMES WATER sold a large part of its design and contracting business yesterday to Black and Veatch, of Missouri, as part of its reorganisation to withdraw from design and construction. The utility company disposed of Prowa Consulting, Utag Umwelttechnik and PWT Projects. Thames is focusing on its core utility business in the UK and on its international and other long-term operating contracts internationally. The amount involved was within the £67 million exceptional item in the preliminary results.

#### Ardagh profits up

THE hot summer of 1995 boosted the sale of beer and soft drinks in Ireland and pushed up pre-tax profits at Ardagh. the Irish glass company, said yesterday. The Dublin company recorded full-year pre-tax profits to June 1996 of IrES.81 million (IrES.18 million). Earnings per share increased 9.3 per cent to Ir14.81p and a final dividend of Ir3.6 pence is payable on November 25. A rise in volume sales and productivity gains offset the pressure caused by the continuing weakness in sterling. Trading this year was satisfactory.

#### Time Products soars

TIME PRODUCTS, the watch distributors, reported a 63 per cent increase in pre-tax profit for the first six months, with the prospect of another sales boost before Christmas. At July 30, pre-tax profit stood at £9.1 million, up from £5.5 million. Earnings per share rose to 11.29p, from 7.02p, and the interim dividend was raised by Ip to 4.5p. Marcus Margulies. chairman, said all divisions were showing improvement. with a particularly strong performance from luxury watches and progress being made in North America.

### Irish Government in the black as tax income soars

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

SOARING tax revenues have put the Irish Republic's Government in the black this autumn for the first time in more than 30 years, Ruairi Quinn, Finance Minister, said

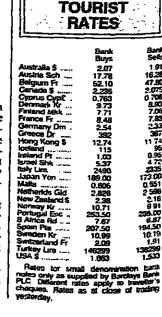
The current and capital inflows for the first nine months of 1996 exceeded spending by a cumulative (r£185 million, the Department of Finance said. The figures, beating the most optimistic of analysts' forecasts, give Mr Ouinn extra scope to cut personal tax in next February's budget. Mr Quinn said: "The Irish economy's true potential for and the revenue buoyancy deriving from increased employment and strong consumconfidence is enabling further_consolidation of our public finances," However, the minister

dampened expectations of a

bonanza budget, saying that the progress made by the Irish economy could easily be dissipated under less favourable economic conditions. He said: "The Government's budgetary policy thus requires continued tight control of public spend-

ing ... if we are to secure an equitable distribution of the fruit of growth while remaining comfortably below the three per cent General Gov-ernment Deficit constraint through 1997, which is the key year for determining our eligi-bility for EMU, and beyond."

The Government's target Exchequer Borrowing Requirement is Ir £729 million. but Mr Quinn said that performance so far suggests that significant improvement is in prospect. Some analysts be-lieve that the full-year EBR may not exceed Ir £500 million.



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☐ Endgame at BTR boardroom ☐ Brierley checks in for the long term ☐ Will 1996 prove a record year?

# Change of the old guard

☐ SIR Owen Green could never quite see the point of non-executives, who were just another unnecessary expense and BTR, the conglomerate he built up, was based on rigorous control of costs. During its glory days he could cheerfully ignore Cadbury. Greenbury and the rest, or at least those parts of them he disagreed with, because success brought its own immu-nity from political correctness.

So the reward for years of loyal service in the boardroom, when the firm's retirement age of 60 came around, was a non-executive seat. Why import outsiders who know nothing of the business, Sir Owen argued, not unreasonably, when you have a ready supply of incident when a

ready supply of insiders who do?
This is why BTR finds itself with five out of seven non-execs who are former executives, four of them company men with longtime service records that average 29 years apiece. All terribly non-Cadbury, frightfully non-PC, which is why a fascinating little endgame is being played out

within the BTR boardroom. The Cadbury report on corporate governance stresses the need for non-executives to be independent, which the BTR Four palpably are not. It also urges regular shuffling of nonexecutives to prevent them going native and losing their indepen-dence. The waning of BTR's remains of the old guard will

fortunes since Sir Owen's day he left in May 1993 - has required the group to bow to the prevailing winds, and Norman Ireland, Sir Owen's successor as chairman, two years ago started to bring in outsiders, along with a new chief executive, lan

Strachan from RTZ.

But the BTR Four are still there. One, theoretically, could still be there in the year 2008 according to the company's articles of association, if his reelection to a three-year term manages to come just before his 65th birthday.

BTR has made it known, unofficially, that their time may be limited. Mr Strachan's huge restructuring programme, at a cost of £622 million in write-offs, has been the priority this summer. He and his team will shortly embark on a lengthy series of meetings with institu-tions, at which the matter of the non-executives will probably be raised. It is whispered, who knows with how much justification, that those shareholders want change. Unofficial promises of the removal of the

doubtless be made. Political correctness, or this year's version thereof, will one day prevail.

And yet, and yet. Mr Strachan enjoys the City's backing but he is an outsider, new to BTR's ways. The BTR Four do have all those years of experience. Nonexecutives should be a check on the power of the executives, on behalf of the shareholders. Are the latter's interests best served by the retention of one or more of the Four, given they can be relied to stand up to Mr Strachan? Or by the appointment of new nonexecutives who might be more to his taste? One could argue it either way.

#### Thistle can ride out prickly patch

□ WHISPER it softly in the Land of the Long White Cloud, but the flotation of Thistle Hotels has not been an overpowering success for Brierley Investments so far. The mathematics are tricky, taking account of the carrying cost since the New Zealanders took over Britain's biggest hotel chain in 1991, but it

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seems anything much below 180p would have meant a loss. Brierley, though, can afford to take a longer view because the conglomerate still owns 46 per cent of Thistle, having sold less than a seventh of its holding. New shareholders should take an equally relaxed stance. The chain is valued at just over £1 billion, against initial estimates this summer of £1.5 billion. The potential for hotels has not declined that much; indeed, the more optimistic commentators expect the market to strengthen, an ageing but more wealthy population serving as a stimulus

to foreign travel.

The City institutions did a good job of sand-bagging earlier expectations, putting it about

that they were too high. This is part of the usual ritual surrounding any new issue; but the City distrust seems well-founded. Earnings were boosted by a low tax level, but it was the depreciation policy that caused most concern. This is always a controversial issue for hotels, and Thistle has taken a more optimistic view than most on the ife expectation of its assets.

As one example, soft furnishings had been depreciated over 15 years, clearly a nonsense as curtains and the like at four-star hotels can hardly be expected to last this long. Thistle brought in a new policy for the flotation, taking this down to ten years, but this is still twice as long as at comparable businesses. A low depreciation, charge enhances depreciation charge enhances earnings, so pushing up the value put on the shares.

This is not to say the valuation of Thistle was massaged, but simply that the City took its own view, and this view prevailed. At their current level the shares look good value. The demographics remain the same, there is still a shortage of rooms in London, and the hotels cycle is some way

off its peak. Private shareholders receiving their certificates next week should just be glad they did not have to pay 210p for them.

#### Hat trick not yet in the bag

☐ IF THE optimists are right, it could be a record year for stock markets, for new issues and for mergers and acquisitions. This hat trick may require a last frantic scramble before the dull days of a Labour government, but it will set a few fund managers, corporate financiers and businessmen up in style, with little to do but spend their amassed bonuses and sale proceeds until the administration is once more to their liking. Or not. The stock markets, both here and on Wall Street,

could do anything between now and Christmas, and anyone who attempts to predict short-term trends is talking through their hat. Long term, the view is clearer; anyone short on equities for any significant period since the War has regretted it, and there is no reason, in terms of

As to corporate activity, the rush of flotations is definitely drying up; vide Thistle, investors are cautious. Any fund manager asked to pay some of the prices on offer will inevitably worry about the effect on his portfolio. and his year-end bonus of a

companies' profitability, why this trend should change.

sharp pre-Christmas reverse. The level of the markets does not encourage takeovers either. M&A work in the last quarter of 1995 was something like £20 billion, a figure that needs to be exceeded if 1996 is to be another record year. Common sense suggests it will not; but City bonuses will be healthy enough anyway. thank you.

#### Chaos postponed

☐ OFFICIAL: the markets are safe for now. Among next spring's crop of business books is The Edge of Chaos by Bernice Cohen, who writes a diary column for the financial pages of a Sunday newspaper. This looks at the application of chaos theory, that deeply fashionable if generally misunderstood branch physics, to the world of finance. It also promises, says the publisher's blurb, to forecast the next market crash. The publication date has been altered by hand in the catalogue, put back four months to February.

### Strategy pays off for Bank of Scotland

By Robert Miller

THE Governor of the Bank of Scotland pointed to a 24 per cent rise in half-year profits, to a record £324.3 million, as testimony to the success of its policy to expand operations in Australia and New Zealand rather than buy a UK building

Sir Bruce Pattullo yesterday said that the Bank of Scotland has successfully expanded its retail savings and loans operations without having had to resort to an expensive acquisi-tion. He added: "We do not need a building society to generate a stream of new

mortgage husiness. On the back of a highly profitable six months to August 31. Sir Bruce said the bank was raising the half-time dividend, payable on Novem-ber 29, to 2.91p (2.45p).

Sir Bruce admitted that the decision by Standard Life this summer to sell 30 per cent of its 32.8 per cent stake in the bank had hurt and added that he believed it would turn out to be a wrong decision. Buyers of the Standard Life holding included UBS, the merchant bank, for distribution among a number of its funds.

Broken-down Bank of Scotland increased its pre-tax profits to E190.4 million from £183.2 million last time, while British Linen Bank saw a El

million decline in its contribution to £7 million. Bank of Western Australia (BankWest), acquired this year, chipped in with E38.9 million, and Countrywide Banking Corporation in New Zealand made a profit of £19 million (£13.5 million). Bank of Wales more than doubled its contribution to £3.3 million.

Operating expenses rose 34 per cent to £458.8 million, but the bank said this largely arose from the first time inclusion of a full half year of operating expenses from BankWest, which amounted to £63.6 million. Excluding BankWest's operating expenses, the year-onyear increase would have been 15 per cent.

rose to 52.9 per cent, against healthy 48 per cent two years ago. However, Sir Bruce said that there is plenty of room to cut costs, particularly in the Australian operation, where

Sir Bruce said: "These re-

The key cost-to-income ratio 50.3 per cent last time and a the key ratio was higher than

60 per cent. sults were achieved against generally benign economic conditions in the UK and USA, with slightly more difficult conditions in Australia and New Zealand."

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#### **HTV offers** welcome to right bid

BY ERIC REGULY

HTV, the ITV company in the West of England and Wales that is a perennial takeover candidate, said that it is not guarding its independence but has received no offers from potential bidders.

Chris Rowlands, chief executive, said that he would "welcome with open arms" an offer at the right price. Carlton Communications and United News & Media are thought the likeliest bidders, though both unlikely to act at the current share price. HTV shares closed at 352p, down 12p. against a 52-week low of 248p.

HTV reported pre-tax profits of £6.7 million, up 10 per cent. for the half year to June 30, on turnover of £69.1 million. up 4 per cent. Tight cost control and better performance by Harvest Entertainment, the new rights division, were behind the im-

proved results. The interum dividend, payable on November 15, rises by 12 per cent, to 1.4p.

#### Blenheim silent on bid talks

By Fraser Nelson

BLENHEIM, the exibitions group, kept silent yesterday about the progress in its takeover talks with Reed Elsevier, as it unveiled a strong set of half-year results. Neville Buch, chairman,

said its interim pre-tax profits of £30.7 million (£13.1 million) showed that the benefits of its management restructuring were taking effect earlier than expected, although the full impact would not be felt until

should provide a powerful bargaining tool in the take-over talks with Reed, which is understood to be offering 480p for each Blenheim share. Mr Buch is believed to be holding out for a 500p-pershare bid, which would value his company at £465 million.

Blenheim's full-year profits are expected to be £38 million. and with more bi-annual exhibitions in 1997 are forecast to rise to £48 million next year.

# Analysts said the results

### JJB a Euro 96 winner

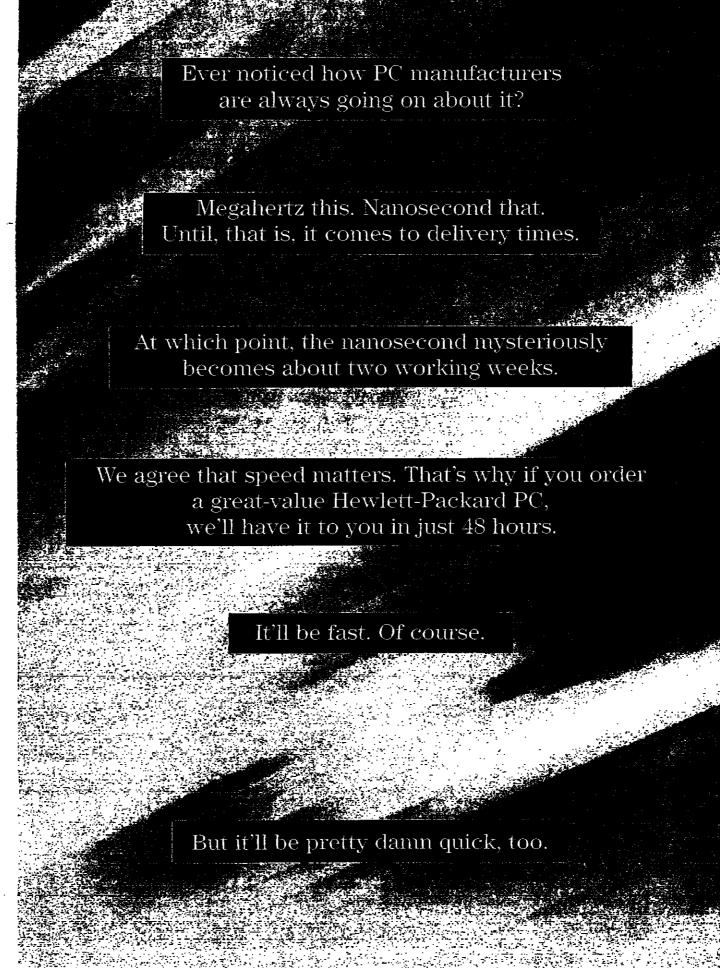
By Fraser Nelson

THE Summer of Sport boosted profits at JJB Sports, with the retailer selling a record 25,000 England football kits in the four weeks before the semifinals of the Euro

Championship. In the six months to July 31 extra demand created by the summer's sporting events helped pre-tax profits to £7.25 million (£4.82 million) on sales

of £55.2 million (£37.5 million). David Whelan, chairman, said the company had seen a 28 per cent rise in like for like sales in the first eight weeks of the second half, which he put down to underlying demand for sports accessories.

Earnings were 5.03p a share (3.45p) and an interim dividend of 1.5p (0.93p), due December 10, was declared.



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### Futures spur the index to a record 4,000 plus

AMERICAN investors took a shine to the London stock market and sent share prices soaring through the 4,000 level to close at their highest levels ever. Government securities also rose by more than El at the longer end

The FT-SE 100 index took its signal from a positive perfor-mance overnight on Wall Street to launch its assault on the elusive 4,000 mark. It achieved it in some style, closing 22.9 up at a record 4.015.1 after briefly touching 4.016.4. Much of the market's early impetus came from the futures market where traders reported brisk trade backed by heavy overseas demand.

Turnover in the cash market was also impressive with a total of 835 million shares changing hands. Any remaining worries about growing inflationary pressures were offset by the latest housing survey from the Halifax Building Society showing a drop in prices during September.

Thistle Hotels could not

have timed its stock market debut better with the shares opening at 17lp on a whenissued basis compared with the original offer price of 170p. They ended the day at 17212p. a premium of 212p. as almost 36 million shares were traded. At this level the group is valued at more than £1 billion. Unconditional trading in the shares starts next Wednesday.

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Brokers reported a revival in speculative buying. Imperial Tobacco, this week's newcomer, was chased 1012p higher at 404p on suggestions that it will be the subject of a dawn raid this morning. Almost ten million shares had traded by the close. The support for Imps spilled over into BAT Industries, which rose 512p to 437p.

Yorkshire Electricity was Ca again being talked of as a possible takeover target with the price standing out with a rise of 23p at 772¹2p in a thin market with 2.3 million shares traded by the close.

Kwik Save, the food retailer, clawed back some of its recent losses, caused by a Prio spate of brokers' profit The downgradings, to close 1812p better at 330p. The speculators claim the group is lining up a merger with Iceland Group, kers who follow the stock are sceptical about such claims.

Better than expected interim figures lifted Bank of Scotland 9p to 26412p as brokers



Bond dealers in buying frenzy on Liffe yesterday

began the task of upgrading their estimates for the full year. Most of them are now looking for between £640 million and £660 million compared with earlier estimates of between £600 million and £620 million. Much of the improvement came from the clearing bank side of the business and that turned out to be good news for Royal

ment arm. It is the second downgrading for the group in recent months. Brokers cut their estimates in June when the group was relegated as a FT-SE 100 index constituent.

Half-year figures from HTV Group, takeover favourite, came in at the top end of expectations with the group reporting a £600,000 increase in pre-tax profits to £6.7 mil-

Brokers have been unable to work up any enthusiam for Grand Metropolitan after a meeting with the company. NatWest Securities rates the shares a hold but has downgraded for the year just ended, by £8 million to £962 million. Goldman Sachss, its view unchanged, does not expect the shares to outperform.

Bank of Scotland, up 16p at Profit downgradings by at least three brokers left Cookson Group nursing a fall of 1312p at 23412p. Tilney, ABN Amro Hoare Govett and Henderson Crosthwaite have all cut their forecasts for this year and next by 10 per cent. Henderson says it reflects

depressed conditions in

Cookson's electronic equip-

lion. Broadcasting profits were higher but advertising revenues remained dull Louis Sherwood, chairman, is looking for an improvement in the second half.

In recent weeks, the HTV share price, lp easier at 352p. has been supported by talk of an imminent bid from either Michael Green's Carlton Communications, down 15p at 469p. or Lord Hollick's



#### down at 665p. United Nas also been linked v Blenheim, the exhibitions: cialist, which weighed in y terday with a sharp incre in half-year pre-tax profits £30.7 million compared w 13.1 million last time. Bl heim was Ip easier at 415p.

Pegasus, the computer s ware specialist, fell 1712p 35712p after it emerged bid talks with Sage had b ken down. Sage had be prepared to bid up to 475p share, valuing the entire group at £30 million. Pegasus said that was not enough and pulled out of the talks. It also maintained that if the bid had gone through, it would have been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Sage firmed 4p to 476p.

First-time dealings in Eur asia Mining on the Alternative Investment Market got off to a slow start. Placed at 310p by T. Hoare, the broker, the share began trading at 315p and held steady at that level for the rest of the day.

Clubhaus, the golf course operator, celebrated the news that David Lloyd, the tennis ace turned businessman, was joining the board with a rise of 712p at 75p. Half-year figures revealed a small dip in profits.

Joseph Holt, the brewer, jumped 3712p to £28.75 after completing a buyback of its own shares. Cazenove, the broker, bought a total of 150,000 shares, or almost 5 per cent of the issued share capital, for the company at £27.75.

Positive comments about current trading enabled Hewden-Stuart, the plant hire group, to shrug off its first-half profits setback with the shares rising 512p to 141p.

GILT-EDGED: Continued

support by foreign investors enabled bonds in London to outperform German bunds. Gains of more than £1 were recorded at the longer end. In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt jumped £1516 to £110116 as the total number of contracts completed reached 106,000. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was El532 higher at £1011316, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 hardened E¹¹32 to

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#### **TEMPUS** German juggernaut unloved for another reason. With a stagger-ing DM100 billion in debt, it could be argued that the utility is almost, with the utility is almost, with the stage of the stage the biggest share offering in Europe this year, and should prove highly attractive to German investors. International investors, who will be offered half of the DMI8 billion issue, will be to some measures of value. However, Deutsche Telekom has a few things going for it. Big reductions in capital expenditure and the elimination of 60,000 employees are generating substantial free cash flow, virtually all of

Full details about the flotation have not emerged, but the German Government has leaked some information. Deutsche Telekom is to pay some DM3 billion in dividends next year, implying a share price somewhere between DM20 and DM30 and a net yield of 4 per cent to 5 per cent. In a country where interest rates are low and the stock market yields only 2.1 per cent, such a yield looks positively luxurious. British investors, on the other hand may scoff: the income return on the FT-SE all-share index is 3.75 per cent and BT yields more than 6 per cent

which is being used to repay borrowings. Less debt means that net earnings will rise more rapidly than operating earnings. Deutsche Telekom will have to fight hard for top-line growth. Germany is the continent's richest telecoms market and the world's biggest players all want to grab their share. However, for foreign investors, the debt-laden

their own piece of the pie.

Deutsche Telekom is an expensive way to buy

Bank of Scotland

BANK of Scotland needed a good set of results and that is what it produced yesterday. The first opportunity to assess the bank after Standard Life dumped the best part of its holding in July gave support to the traditional view: Bank of Scotland is an efficient and highly profitable operator.

Profits and interest mar-

gins were up and while the bank suffered another setback to the cost income ratio. there are sensible reasons for the growth in overhead at a normally frugal institution. Heavy investment in sys-terns and the takeover of Bank of Western Australia (a less efficient bank) increased the ratio by two points.

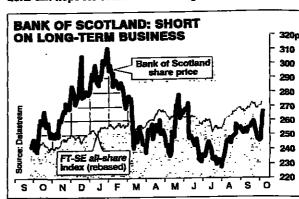
Few will question Bank of Scotland's ability to get that figure back to a level below 50 per cent — it has a record

of squeezing more out of its

The issue is whether the bank can continue to grow its share of the overcrowded UK financial services market. In that light, its decision not to develop or acquire a life and pensions arm is bizarre. Pensions are one area where financial institutions can hope for some real

growth, as state provision declines That leaves Bank of Scot-

land fighting tooth and nail for mortgage and corporate business. For investors, the banking sector has become a play on cost reduction and branch closures and for all its merits, Bank of Scotland's lean machine lacks a longterm growth strategy.



#### Norwich Union

THE good news is that Norwich Union's proposed flotation will benefit an unusually high number of policyholders. Included in the distribution of free shares are several categories of inves-tors normally neglected in such windfall payouts. The strategy should ensure the flotation is voted through without a hitch.

However, NU's real challenge will be to convince the institutions to part with their money when they have so many other robust insurance rivals to choose from. The likes of Commercial Union, Legal & General and Royal & Sun Alliance already have strong life and general insurance businesses.

NU's proposed flotation date, pencilled in for June next year, will also clash fax's conversion.

The worry for investors is that NU will immediately go on a spending spree. It has in value over the past year.

still to live down its ill-judged foray into commercial property. The City will react badly to NU buying another general insurance business, a sector that is highly volatile, at a time when insurance composites are turning their attention to the calmer waters of life insurance. The consolation for policyholders is that NU will have a market capitalisation in the £3 to £4 billion range, which makes it too big for institutions to ignore if they are to maintain their weighting to the insur-

#### Cairn Energy

OIL and gas shares are on an Iraqi roll and the reaction to Cairn Energy's cash call has more to do with Saddam than substance. Only two months ago Cairn raised £50 million from shareholders to develop its Sangu gas field in Bangladesh, an asset which has so excited the market that Cairn's shares have more than tripled

Yesterday, Cairn asked for a further E133 million for the takeover of Command, an Australian company that owns a stake in an Indian oil and gas field, as well as exploration and production interests in Mongolia. Tunisia, Russia and Yemen.

A more sedate share market might have questioned whether Cairn needed an expensive diversification at this stage in its development. Cairn is unlikely to hold on to Command's entire portfolio - the smaller plays will be sold off along with Cairn's onshore production in the UK. But Cairn is paying a high price — \$5 per barrel for Command's 58 million barrels of proven reserves.

For Cairn to justify paying a premium for the assets, it must be assuming considerable upside in Command's Indian portfolio. To keep the vestors need to take a lot on trust.

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#### Royal Mail first past post

GOOD news, at last, for Royal Mail, after its relay race yesterday with Norwich Union. Around 80 per cent of the insurer's three million policyhold-ers received the announcement of the proposed flotation and welcome windfall in their morning post, either before or at the same time as the official announcement was made in the City. Cornflakes will never taste the same again for the chief executive, Allan Bridgewater.

#### Wembley woe

DAVE WHELAN, chairman of JJB Sports, was back at Wembley Stadium yesterday for the first time since he was carried off the hallowed turf with a broken leg in 1960. It was after playing for Blackburn Rovers against Wolverhampton Wanderers, who eventually won 3-0, that Whelan picked up enough injury money to start his business. There was no silver lining yesterday. however. The team from JJB Sports lost to JD Sports, Dixons, and Cobra in the Umbro Tournament.

#### BA dress sense

SIR COLIN MARSHALL and Robert Ayling, chairman and chief executive of British Airways, could soon be sporting chunky-knit sweaters à la Richard Branson. BA has bowed to the inevitable and is allowing staff and their families who travel on discount tickets to dress in mufti. Until now a strict dress code was rigorously enforced. Welcome to the 20th century, BA.

#### Gammell scores

AT LAST, victory is in sight for Bill Gammell, chief executive of Caim Energy and a former Scottish international rugby player. Gammell, who grew up with Tony Blair at Fettes College, Edinburgh, and studiously avoided the rugby pitch while at school, never once scored a try against the Australians. However, he got his own back yesterday, when Cairn Energy bid £190 million for Command Petroleum, a listed company in Australia.



it used to be called Eurotunnel"

#### Takes the cake

BOSSES from Rolls-Rovce, Coopers & Lybrand and Warburgs will sit down for supper at The Savoy in the company of a two-year-old cake. The cake, made for the memorial service for the late cricket commentator Brian Johnston, will be wheeled out again tonight at The Cricket Ball, in aid of The Brian Johnston Memorial Fund. John Major has, unfortunately, declined his invitation to join diners and the defrosted cake.

AFTER famously stalking out of a Downing Street Cabinet meeting, Michael Heseltine's subsequent departure from the Department of Trade and Industry appears to have been less spectacular. Speaking at a presentation ceremony at the Dorchester to mark City watchdog Imros entry into the Investors In People (IIP) scheme, he came clean: "I committed the DTI to IIP and then I got shuffled out of the way." So now we know.

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#### dd, you may think, that the first muffled outbreak of dissent at Labour's conference should come over the politically yawn-making topic of pensions. The subject is, however, highly charged for Labour. Back at the 1992 election, its one proposal for a big immediate rise in spending was to make a step increase in the basic state pension.

To show that the party was responsible in costing that, the late John Smith devised a shadow Budget that raised tax deductions to 60 per cent at a level of income the party thought made you rich. The good folk of Basildon, and many others round Britain, smell a rat. If the rich were paying for a one-off pension rise, who was going to pay for everything else? The leadership has learned its lesson. Avoid commitments on pensions.

The future of the basic state pension is not just a matter of tactics. It is touchstone to help define the gap between new Labour and its forebears. Has the party been modernised to take account of privatisation,

or has it changed its spots? If the state pays out cash in benefits, exactly how it is done scarcely matters to people in their role as taxpayers. In their role as potential recipients, it matters a lot. There is a deep difference between a wel-fare state that seeks to reduce poverty and a benefit system that seeks to relieve it. Since 1979, there has been huge increase in benefit costs. Within that, there has been a gradual shift away from universal povertyreducing transfers (such as basic states pensions and unemployment pay) towards

### State pension is touchstone for the Utilitarian Party

ing benefit and income support).

The basic state pension has been central to this trend. From 1980, it has been indexed only to prices, rather than the higher of prices or average earnings. The costs of pensions has still risen about a quarter in real terms. More people are living longer. Many more women are earning a full entitlement through their contributions. Some real increases have been paid. And the pension had to be bumped up above general inflation when VAT was slapped on domestic fuel, a big item for pensioners.

Even so, the burden on taxpayers of paying the basic pension has fallen quite sharply. In 1979-80, it accounted for about 4.15 per cent of the national income. This year, it should take only 3.7 per cent. That would be a huge saving, if only this money and more had not been used for means-tested poverty relief. This downtrend should accelerate under current rules, perhaps to 3 per cent of national income in 13 years time. In spite of scares about a nographic timebomb, the ratio of pensioners to earners should not rise much before 2010. Labour does not need to ask if it



can afford to raise pensions, but whether it wishes to switch money away from them. On a utilitarian value-for-money judgment, means-testing is always the best way to help those in need. A small rise in universal state pension only adds to the available resources of pensioners who do not draw

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means-tested benefits. The real world is not utilitarian. An earned entitlement lifts you up. A meansyou poor. If Labour continued the switch from transfers to means-tested benefits, it The value-for-money approach also wreaks havoc with incentives. A means-tested benefit, like a punitive tax rate, corrodes incentives to do anything but cheat. That is why means-testing, rather than "featherbedding" breeds a welfare culture. New Labour seems actually to have

become the Utilitarian Party, but is not yet sure it wants to be. Its justice commission under Sir Gordon Borrie, duly scared by the ageing population threat, preferred targeted help to the poorest pensioners to restoring the link to earnings, which would be wasted on the affluent and would cost a packet if backdated to 1980. Gordon Brown opted to target help for 16 to 18-year old students, on the lines of university grants instead of child benefit, which is paid to millionaires who send their sons to Eton. The party is still anxious to avoid the

infected term "means-tested". So it suggested a minimum pension entitlement, aiming to bring in the estimated 700,000 pensioners who could claim income support but do pensions. This sleight of hand should fool no-one. The critical long-term pension issue

is to persuade and help people on lower incomes to save for their own post-Serps private pensions. By definition, many cannot easily spare the cash, even if lowcost schemes can be set up for them. A means-tested "extra" state pension would destroy the incentive to save for a modest top-up that millions think they cannot afford.

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For that reason, as much as internal political embarrassment, that idea seemed to have been dropped. Chris Smith, when shadow Social Security Secretary, formally dropped the old commitment to pensions indexed to earnings, but set an objective that "all pensioners share fairly in the

increasing prosperity of the nation". There is a simple way to ensure that, while avoiding any open-ended spending commitment to an ageing population. That is to fix total spending on the basic state pension as a proportion of national income. say the present 3.7 per cent. Pensions are then automatically indexed to the nation's ability to pay. Until the second decade of the next century, the state pension would nearly be indexed to earnings. That would help today's and tomorrow's pensioners know where they stand but would not interfere with incentives to build private pensions, which should start building up by then.

Sadly. Mr Smith was replaced by Harriet Harman and the radical Utilitarian Party agenda has been resuscitated. That suits Labour's election tactics. Any post-election pensions commission would surely see

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has already been taken over

five companies, including

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still to adjust to the discipline of running a quoted company.

General Accident, while

Norwich Union's flotation typifies the changing face of insurance, says Marianne Curphey

# A case of mutual pride surrendered

NORWICH UNION'S flotation plans bring to a close almost 200 years of being a mutual, and open another chapter in the changing face of the UK insurance industry.

NU is the first mutual life insurer to announce its ambitions to go public, and other, smaller companies will be watching its progress.

Among them will be Friends Provident, which is still considering whether to ditch its mutual status and take the stock market plunge, remain as it is, or look for a powerful new parent. Scottish Amicable is another life mutual at a crossroads, although the City feeling is that it is probably too small to float alone. Scottish Life and NPI have also been touted as candidates for demutualisation or takeover, and even the UK's biggest mutuals, including Standard Life, Scottish Widows and Equitable Life may have to consider demutualisation. At present, however, the latter three emphasise their commit-. ment to mutuality.

The trigger for this wave of technology. Traditionally, the daily administration of insurance claims generated mountains of paperwork, handled by huge teams of backroom staff. The advent of sophisticated computer systems and on-screen claims handling has led companies to scale down staff numbers or even contract out the back office operation, a practice known euphemistical-

ly as "outsourcing". There are also too many players chasing a finite amount of business. Over the last decade the industry has seen a rash of new entrants, mostly offering direct insurance over the telephone. Direct Line was one of the first of these young upstarts. It holds the number one position in the motor market and insures two million private motorists every year. But there are more than 50 other direct writers. some concentrating on niche markets, others trying to com-pete head-to-head with more established rivals.

In addition, the insurance industry is feeling the squeeze from the banks and building societies, which once relied on



Having seen how large profit margins could be on insurance business, the banks and building societies are starting to set up their own operations, particularly on the life side. Abbey National and the Halifax Building Society have

general insurance products.

both set their sights on becoming financial services power-houses. The Halifax, which is due to float next year, is in the process of developing its life insurance division through the acquisition of the Clerical Medical, the life mutual. In response, insurance companies have started to move

into the banks' traditional territory. Norwich Union's closest rivals have already taken steps to ensure that money from maturing life insurance policies stays with them instead of ending up in building society coffers.

Prudential, the biggest name in UK pensions, opened

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a new deposit-taking service two days ago; Standard Life is only weeks away from opening its own bank and Scottish Widows has had a deposit service since May 1995.

Once it has successfully floated, NU will probably have to start its own bank at a cost of £20 million or so to keep up with developments in the industry. It says flotation will give it the freedom to invest more adventurously and so make greater returns to policyholders.

But observers see the move as defensive. They say NU has made the decision to become a quoted company after being assailed by its larger, publicly quoted rivals and forced to witness banks and building societies encroaching on its traditional business sectors.

Raising money from shareholders will give it the cash it needs to expand, either organically or through acquisition,

in what is fast becoming a fiercely competitive market. continue. Earlier this year NU's composite rivals, Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance, acknowledged that to survive in such a market their businesses need-

ed to be streamlined and competitive. Their merger, and the creation of a new company, Royal & Sun Alliance, is expected to result in the loss of 5,000 jobs. But it will create the largest insurance company in the UK, with a 16 per cent market share. Its board expects to save £175 million by 1998 through staffing cuts and cost reductions.

Similarly, Refuge Assur-ance and United Friendly believe that their proposed merger will bring cost savings and a bigger customer base from which to expand. So what can investors and policyholders expect in this brave new world? Most analysts agree that the current wave of

consolidation is set to

The Halifax will probably be looking to make further acquisitions after its flotation. Commercial Union, one of the stronger of the composites, is

believed to have its eye on Guardian Royal Exchange, its weaker rival. NatWest Bank is rumoured to be stalking Legal & General, although the latter could just as easily merge with a fellow composite or buy up

rather than a provincial mutual. Next year is NU's bicentenary. It will probably make it to market without being swallowed by a large predator. However, in common with many fellow mutual life insurers, there is no guarantee it will enjoy another 200 years of

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### FINANCIAL NEWS FROM BANK OF SCOTLAND

### Bank of Scotland Interim Results

·	ended 31 August 1996 [unaudited]	ended 31 August 1995 (uraudited)	ended 29 February 1996
TOTAL PROFIT FROM GROUP OPERATIONS BEFORE PROVISIONS	£408.2m	£339.6m	£706.4m
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	£324.3m	£261.6m	£545.0m
TOTAL CAPITAL RESOURCES	£3,688m	£3,105m	£3,533m
TOTAL ASSETS	£46,140m	£36,837m	£44,099m
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY STOCK UNIT	15.0p	12.6p	25.8p
DIVIDEND PER ORDINARY STOCK UNIT	2.91p	2.45p	6.85p

### O Pretax profit £324.3 million - tip

 Pre-tax return on average equity (annualised) 36.7 per cent

*Dividend increased by 18.8 per cent

o Costincome ratio 52.9 per cent

#### Telephone marathon in search of British Gas service From Ms Elaine Elliott.

Sir, I was unfortunate to inherit a British Gas service contract on moving house earlier this year. My misfortune was compounded on suffering a complete breakdown of my central heating system last weekend, requiring British Gas's service.

It was not necessary merely to make two or three attempts to telephone in order to get through (Pennington, September 24), more like between 20 to 50 calls. Each time I attempted to contact British Gas (which was more often

The Saturday factor

Sir, Mr Hooper of Town and

Country Lighting is mistaken

in thinking the number of

Saturdays in a calendar

month might affect the retail

sales figures produced by the

Office for National Statistics

("Saturday factor in sales fig-

The retail sales index is in

fact an indicator of the

average sales per week with-

in standard four or five-

week trading periods as

opposed to calendar

months. The trading peri-

ures", September 24).

From Mr K. Francombe.

than should have been necessary for the reasons given below) it took me approximately 11-12 hours to get through! Like Mr Fortin (Letter, September 29), I tried a variety of numbers with no

greater success on any.

However, an appointment
was made for Friday afternoon and accordingly I took time off work. Nobody turned up, nor was I contacted by British Gas. On telephoning I was told eventually (at 7pm) that the allocated engineer was "off sick". A further appointment was made for the

ods for August in both 1995 and 1996 included four Satur-

days so that the level of sales

in August 1996 was not influ-

enced by an increased number

of Saturdays in the calendar

following morning. Nobody turned up, thus another phone call was required. I was assured that someone would be with me by 6pm. Nobody turned up. I phoned again. A further appointment was made for the following morn-

Much to my amazement an engineer arrived. He even had the right spare part and rectified the problem within a Yours faithfully ELAINE ELLIOTT, 164 Felstead Road.

Orpington, Kent. Yours faithfully. KEITH FRANCOMBE, Director of Distribution and Services Sector Division,

Sir, Having read the report on the problems regarding British Gas servicing (September 24), it was with some trepida-tion that I telephoned the service contract number this

Give credit where

credit is due

From Mr Erik Peckett

morning at about 10 am. The call was answered on my second attempt and a cheerful voice, having checked my details, announced that if I could be in this afternoon an engineer would call. At 12.02pm, the engineer arrived and by 12.41pm he had left, having replaced the pump on the system. Credit where credit is due. Yours faithfully.

ERIK PECKETT, The Haven, Gabwell Lane. Stokeinteignhead, Newton Abbot, Devon.

#### Call to the top for prompt efficient service also draws a non-response

Office for National Statistics.

Cardiff Road, Newport,

South Wales.

From Mr D. Watkiss

Sir. We are waiting for a part of our boiler which packed up almost three weeks ago, but due to the unavailability of our local three-star service ("We undertake to provide you with

priority attention and prompt efficient service" — from their idea when.

of Operations (01784 874000) - which I have just dialled. latest mailshot) we have no The result: no reply. Having failed to reach anyone by phone for the past five

Yours faithfully DAVID WATKISS. days, I was given the number

of Mr Bob Fraser - Director Ealing, W5.

### expansion by Virgin

Virgin Cinemas has stepped up its expansion programme by announcing plans for three giant cine-mas. The Virgin Cinemas Megaplex, a 20-screen complex seating about 5,000, will open in Leeds in early 1998. It will be followed by a 15-screen cinema in Bolton and an 11-screen complex in South Shields.

Virgin has disclosed plans for six new multi-plexes in the next 18 months, and the company is hoping to build a total of 20 new multiplexes in the next three years. Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin, said: "These new sites. designed by us from scratch, will allow us . . . to offer an experience which is unique in the UK cinema industry. In short, they will offer a great night out."

#### Lloyd's issues ultimatum

Lloyd's of London has writ-ten to nearly 700 UK names, giving them a week in which to settle their debts or face legal proceedings. Dibb Lupton Alsop. the law firm acting for Lloyd's, despatched the let-

ters on Tuesday evening. The initial mailing excludes 655 non-paying names in America, where pursuit of debt is complicated by differing state legislation. It also excludes 253 names in Canada, who have been given more time to consider their position.

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#### NCM swoops

NCM Group, the international credit insurer based in Amsterdam, will snap up the remaining 75 per cent stake in the leading Dutch credit insurer, EKR Kreditforsikring, from the Danish government

The move to privatise EKR started in April 1995, when NCM — parent of NCM Credit Insurance, the UK's largest private export credit insurer - took a 25 per cent stake.

#### Benetton

Benetton's pre-tax profits for the first half of 1996 were £92 million compared with £78 million last year.

### Multiplex TNT falls to A\$2bn bid by Dutch telecom firm

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

TNT, the transport and distribution giant, became the latest Australian company to fall into foreign hands yesterday when the Dutch telecom group KPN launched a A\$2 billion agreed takeover bid for

the group.

The bid is in line with the group's ambitious expansion drive. KPN, which has made no secret of its desire to become a global player, is offering A\$2.45 in cash for every TNT share, representing a 48 per cent premium to TNT's pre-bid share price.

The acquisition will turn KPN into one of the four largest time-sensitive distribution companies in the world. with operations in 47 countries, as well as the biggest time-sensitive distribution company in Europe.

Wim Dik, chairman and chief executive of KPN, explained yesterday: "For KPN this acquisition represents a significant step in our strategy to pursue growth and international expansion of our core

He said that a key reason for the deal was to enable KPN to reap the benefits from combining TNT's operations with those of KPN's postal and logistics subsidiary, PTT Post, and GD Express Worldwide, a joint venture distribution operation in which both TNT and KPN have had an interest

since 1992.
David Mortimer, TNT's managing director and chief executive, said: "This proposal represents an outstanding opportunity to create a strong global transportation group. KPN is a logical partner for our businesses and this is a winning proposal for both TNT and KPN."

News of the bid was warmly welcomed by analysts in Australia, who have seen TNT's share price languish around the A\$2 mark for several months in the wake of a disappointing profit performance from the group.



Alexander Baron von Spoercken, Clubhaus chairman, has gone for expansion

### Lamont may be 'forced' to close Shaw Carpets

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

LAMONT HOLDINGS, the Belfast textile company, said it may jettison Shaw Carpets after the Barnsley company incurred a £1.8 million loss for the first six months of this year. Paul Vaight, Lamont chair-

about two centuries ago. Its a

very good price."
TNT's shares jumped 79

cents, to end the day at \$2.42,

as KPN announced that it had

bought 9.9 per cent of TNT's shares in the market. KPN, which pushed up its operating

income by 11.1 per cent, to A\$2.9 billion in the year to December 31, said that it

expects the acquisition of TNT

to be earnings positive in 1997.

The takeover is subject to approval by the European Union and Australia's Foreign

man, said that despite a restructuring at Shaw in 1994 that saw the workforce re-duced to 200 from 350, losses had continued. Talks had already begun with Shaw's workforce but "if no other solution can be identified Lamont will be forced to close the business", he said. Overall, Lamont reported

interim pre-tax profits of £2.1 million, down from £7.8 million for the same period last year. The 1995 figure included E4.6 million from a property deal. Operation profits, excluding Shaw Carpets, were

first half of 1995. Earnings per share fell to 4.68p, from 17.96p, but the company maintained the interim dividend payment at last year's level of 3.65p, payable on December 2. Lamont said that it was

more hopeful about the future of Moygashel, its linen company, which it expected to return to profit early in 1997.

The company's other operations, Alexander Drew in Rochdale, Bonded Fibre Fabric in Bristol and Northern Ireland Carpets in Newtown-ards had all performed £4.8 million, the same as in the

satisfactorily.

Mr Vaight said he did not expect trading conditions to improve in the short term. After the resolution of the Shaw Carpet situation and improvements in Moygashel the group would be able to move forward in 1997 on a much sounder basis, he said.

#### Strong drive by Clubhaus lifts results

By Fraser Nelson

EUROPEAN expansion helped Clubhaus, the golf course operator that split from Ex-Lands Group, return stronger-than-expected results in its first six months as an

independent company.

In the half-year to June 30, pre-tax profits rose to £728,000, on sales of £3.14 million. While no comparative figures were given, this stood against 1995 full-year profits of £875,000 and sales of £920,000.

Earnings were 2.15p per share, but there was no

The shares gained 7p yesterday to close at 742 p.

### **Brent Walker** chief 'paid £12 m to create false profits'

A SENIOR Brent Walker executive was paid a £500,000 "reward" for orchestrating a "massive cover-up" of millions of pounds of false profits at the leisure and entertainment group, a court heard yesterday. Auditors, solicitors and investigators were repeatedly lied to, and fictitious documents created, to back up the falsehoods, it was claimed.

Money was also laundered through "a very convoluted" and "tortuous" route involving America and the Bahamas. Southwark Crown Court was told. The exercise even included appointing a dead man to head a company, said Peter Rook, QC, prosecuting.

The allegations were made at the opening of the trial of Donald Anderson, a former finance director of Goldcrest. Brent Walker's film and television division. Anderson, 43. of Richmond, Surrey, was described as the "architect" of the cover-up, and one with his fingerprints" all over the concealment operation. He denies one count of attempting to pervent the course of justice between August 1, 1988, and October 23, 1990.

Mr Rook said that E19 million worth of "false profit-taking" featured in Brent Walker's film and television division between 1984 and 1987. It involved inventing sales of film rights, which were effect-ively funded by the company in such a way that "money was going round in circles". The result was a bogus gloss on the company's financial health.

The jury was reminded of Brent Walker's spectacular growth during the 1980s under the "driving force" of George Walker, the chairman and whist executive. chief executive.

However, in August 1988, a newspaper report questioned the "bona fides" of two of the false deals. Clearly, said Mr Rook, it would have been "catastrophic" had the truth come out about the earlier nonexistent sales. Hence the massive cover-up "in order to put investigators off the scent".

In August 1991, a new Brent

Walker board called in the Serious Fraud Office to investigate "certain apparently unrelated matters". Mr Rook told the court: "It is the prosecution case that Mr Anderson left this country in the thought the SFO were coming close to uncovering his dishonest activities." He "voluntari-ly" returned to Britain in

lovember last year. Mr Rook said a trial relating to Brent Walker took place in 1994, but he warned the jury a not to speculate "as to who was the defendant, or what the charges were, or what the

The trial continues today.

#### Lavendon debut set at £29.8m

BY OUR CITY STAFF

LAVENDON, the UK's largest hydraulic-powered lifts operator, will be valued at £29.8 million when it makes its Stock Exchange debut next Thursday.

The company, formed in 1992 through a buy-in of Nationwide Access, is raising Ell.3 million from the flotation, which priced the shares at 140p. It will use the cash for overseas expansion. A branch was opened in Germany in July and another is being set up in Dubai.

David Price, chairman, who invested £300,000 four years ago will have a 21 per cent stake worth £6.26 million.

In 1995, the company made profits of £1.8 million on sales of £9.88 million. It is expected to produce profits of £2.55 million by the end of 1996, leaving earnings of 12.84p. This puts its shares on a ratio of 13.25, slightly below the

# Duly-Doulla to Acch ah to date

Professionals must have a regime

of mandatory post-qualifying

education, says Robert Smith

ONE of the greatest challenges facing the professional is to ensure that the benefits of experience are not elided by the passage of time and failure to keep up to date. Simply put, few of us would be happy to be cared for by a medical practitioner of middle years who had last opened a textbook or

professional journal on the eve of his finals. Understandably, it is taken for granted that doctors will maintain and update their skills and knowledge by regular attendance at post-graduate courses and by study of relevant professional publications. No doubt, we expect more from the medical profession than from any other. However, members of the public are

entitled not only to expect that other professionals are subject e to an ordered regime of postqualifying education, but also to have evidence of this process. Any true professional would ca acknowledge the need for continuing education, and most would also accept the need for me active encouragement from their professional body, or i other appropriate source. In Dt the present environment of rapid change and overcrowded days, most would also acknowledge the lessons to be

learnt from the discarded exer-All who claim professional status owe it to their clients and employers to ensure that they are meeting such expectations. They also owe it to themselves and their colleagues to demonstrate that they are maintaining the value of their qualification in this way.

A number of professions display a growing awareness of this need. My own professional body, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, has learnt from action taken by others and has sought to build on this by setting up a new regime of mandatory postqualifying professional development. This we hope to inaugurate at the beginning of 1997, if the concept is supported by our members at our special general meeting on October 25.

The statutory regulatory regime which already applies to accountants who are engaged in any of the reserved areas of audit, financial services and insolvency practice. has brought with it new educational requirements and the need to establish and maintain competence and levels of relevant experience. The process is monitored and there are now clear signs of the beneficial effects of

Outside the reserved areas, the Government has left it to the profession to ensure that its members meet the public's expectations. More than half of



Smith: public is entitled to evidence of continuing education all British-trained chartered accountants operate outside

practice. We believe that the public can reasonably expect that our members who, for example, are responsible for the preparation or presentation of financial reports in public interest entities such as listed companies, building societies and charities will also maintain and develop their knowledge and skills throughout

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their professional life, and that any regime requiring their colleagues in practice to undertake continuing professional education should also apply to them.

No such regime will win the support of the public or of the profession unless it is seen to be relevant to individual needs and occupations. Clearly, the needs of the practising accountant will differ from those

members outside practice who are covered by the scheme. We also recognise that many of our members operate in areas so divorced from the core skills of accountancy that any requirement for continuing professional learning in this area would be irrelevant.

Any such scheme should also recognise that the process is one that involves the professional in a process of continuous professional learning, which he him-self prescribes and drives within the scheme, rather than the more passive process of continuing professional education, driven by the teacher in a classroom environment.

Thus, we acknowledge the value of what may be called unstructured learning, where the professional chooses and reads publications relevant to his specialist area. Alongside this will sit the requirement for structured learning at courses.

seminars and conferences. What we propose reflects a level of continuing professional learning which the vast majority of our members (and members of other accountancy hodies) will already be achieving. The mandatory nature of the proposed regime is designed to demonstrate to the public that their expectations are being met by a systematic, monitored process, which is flexible enough to allow responsible professionals to focus on specialist areas.

Robert Smith is president of the Institute of Chartered Ac-countants of Scotland and chief executive of Morgan Grenfell Development Capital.

THE latest accounts of the Chartered Accountants Compensation Scheme reveal an in-teresting disparity. The scheme exists to compensate victims of dastardly accountants who have made off with clients' money. It cost £121.991 in annual premiums to insure the scheme, but payouts for the year came to only £46,383. Someone is winning here. But it doesn't seem to be accoun-

ROBERT BRUCE

### Risks and rewards of squaring the circle

aking financial reporting clearer and easier to understand is good for LVL you. Or at least it is good for the accountancy firms. Possibly both. And we have the Accounting Standards Board to thank for this.

Take two of the latest surveys. The first, from KPMG, deals with companies' preliminary results. The second, from Arthur Andersen, deals with the narrative reporting in an annual report. The gist of what KPMG is saying is that companies really should have noticed what you can do with technology these days. There is no reason for preliminary profit reports ahead of the publication of the annual reports and accounts. That system dates from the days when the company had the audited figures and wanted to release them to shareholders and the investment community while in the background a printing works wheezed for days over the production of the official document. Now that it is perfectly possible to produce the full report and

accounts in the same time it takes to to produce the preliminary figures, why not

scrap the preliminaries? The hidden message from the auditors is that preliminary results announcements, which are unaudited but are expected to resemble the truth are growing increasingly lengthy and economical with the financial facts. Or as one leading auditor put it to me this week: "I have often sat in at a client's announcement of preliminary figures and found myself increasingly wondering if they are talking about the same ligures that we have audited."

So we should by all means use the excuse of faster technology to get rid of what has become a rather inaccurate system of telling

the world about a company's forthcoming results. The process would move companies even closer to explaining themselves properly and clearly to their shareholders. The same is true of the messages from the Andersen survey. "If there is one thing that is guaranteed in the nanosecond Nineties, it is that there will be continual changes in corporate reporting."
The biggest change in terms of the quality of financial information has been the introduction of the concept of the operating and financial review.

The ASB put it forward as a statement of best practice in July 1993 and craftily said it should be persuasive rather than mandatory. As a result, finance directors could not respond with a knee-jerk "this is yet another rule too far argument. Instead, they had to look at what happens under the American financial reporting system where such reports have been commonplace for years. It worked. Of the sample of reports in the Andersen survey 46 per cent either produced a formal operating and financial review or something very close to it. It tended to be the smaller companies in the survey that did not.

But the Andersen survey shows clearly where the use of such a report is not fulfilling the ASB's original hopes and intentions. It called for a discussion of "trends and factors underlying the business that have affected the results but are not expected to continue in the future, and known events, trends and uncertainties that are expected to have an impact on the business in the future".

In terms of trends identified and discussed, the survey found that fewer than 15 per cent did so and in terms of future uncertainty fewer than 20 per cent did so.

This is perhaps understandable for two reasons. First, auditors are very bad at committing themselves when it comes to auditing and quantifying what may be future

risks. The liability and litigation threat almost guarantees that stance. Companies them-selves are traditionally terrified of quantifying any future risks or making any forecasts. In their case it is not the threat of litigation that holds them back. They simply prefer not to let shareholders or investors have any figures that could act as a measure ment of success. So both companies and accountancy firms are risk averse. Or at least they are when it comes to published and auditable information.

The great paradox is that the greatest growth in corpo-

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rate services in recent years has been in the field of risk management. Accountancy firms may be doing less audit work for clients. But what they are doing is risk management evaluation. And by that they do not mean simply projects such as assessing how effective the internal audit function is, or whether the financial reporting system is secure. Almost any husiness function now comes under risk management. All business is based on risk. So all aspects of business can be analysed for risk management purposes. And it is the accountancy firms that are doing it. A customer satisfaction programme is risk. Efficient use of transport is risk. Workplace accidents are risk. So the accountants advise. It has become.

almost by stealth, the biggest growth area in advisory services. And now if the trends in financial reporting continue, the circle can be squared. Not only will accountants advise you on risks, but they will also insist that it shows up in a company's financial reporting as well.

#### Under the cover ដូ**of darkness**

HO MUCH of the current debate s within the professional bodies which oversee accounting is 2 about whether or when the @ Auditing Practices Board should gain its independence and shift its offices out of the H. English Institute of Chartered Accounting's headquarters at Moorgate Place in the City of London. But the debate has nhidden a significant move. The profession's joint disci-

plinary scheme has got there

darkness, it has moved to offices near Liverpool Street station. Not before time. In the words of an envious Auditing Practices Board person it used to have its office in the

corridor just down from the president's bedroom". Black and white

PROPOSED new tax rules on

employee travel have received the thumbs down. Not only

first. As if under cover of has the English Institute of

Chartered Accountants' tax faculty told the Inland Revenue that they are around 100 years out of date, but the Chartered Institute of Taxation has produced examples of a commuting nightmare. In future. calculations will be required to show the savings created, or not, when an employee drops a child off at school on the journey into work. Time to go back to the drawing board on this one, it would appear, if

not the blackboard.

#### Dedicated

IT IS true. Accountants prefer their offices to their homes. The latest Hays Accountancy Personnel survey shows that 54 per cent of accountants thought that being given a cake in the office on their birthday was a good thing. However, only 34 per cent of accountants thought it would be a good thing to be given the day off on their birthday.

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### Hotel liable for speaker's racial offence

Before Mrs Justice Smith, Mrs R. Chapman and Lord Gladwin of

An employer subjected employees allowed a third party to abuse them racially in circumstances over which he had control and where he could have prevented the narassment or reduced the extent

The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal so held in allowing an appeal by two employees. Freda Burton and Sonia Rhule, against the decision of a Nottingham trial tribunal on Novem 14. 1995 that their employer. De Vere Hotels, had not discrimin against them contrary to section 4 of the Race Relations Act 1976. The case was remitted to the industrial

Section 4 of the 1976 Act provides: "(2) it is unlawful for a moloved by him ... to discrimiate against that employee ... (c) by ... subjecting him to ... detriment.

Ms Laura Cox. QC, and Ms Karon Monaghan for the employees; Mr Alan Wilkie, QC, for the

MRS JUSTICE SMITH said that the appeal was concerned with of the duty of an emplover to protect his employees harassment in the course of work. came from a third party, not a

The appellants, two young Afro-

Hotel, Derby. One evening, about 400 men, members and guests of the City of Derby Round Table, attended a dinner at the hotel at which event the speaker was

The appellants heard Mr Man-ning make jokes about the sexual organs and sexual abilities of black men. He made racially offensive remarks to them and created an atmosphere which probably encouraged some guests further to

The appellants brought complaints against their employers under the 1976 Act. The industrial had suffered the detriment of racial harassment, they had been subjected to it by Mr Manning and the guests and not by the employ-

The employers had not subjected them to the detriment, first because they had neither knowingly stood by while they were abused and harassed nor had they foreseen that Mr Manning would hehave as he did.

Second, the tribunal so found because although the hotel man-ager ought to have given instructions to his assistant managers to protect the employees from the redictably offensive content of Mr Manning's speech, his failure to do so was not "less favourable treatment on racial grounds in the appeal tribunal's view. the

tribunal below had imposed upon the employees a burden additional to that imposed by the Act, namely the burden of showing that the employers subjected them to the

employers were themselves af-fected by racial bias or animus. It was not necessary for the employee to show that the discriminator had any intention or motive to bunal's decision could not stand

The problem was to decide what an applicant had to prove in order to show that the employer sub-jected the employee to the detri-ment of racial abuse or harassment, where the actual huser or harasser was a third party and not a servant or agent of the employer for whose actions the employer would be vicariously liable. Put another way, the prob-lem was to decide the extent of the duty of an employer to protect the employee from racial harassment

from third parties. The appeal tribunal accepted that, in practice, where an em-ployer was shown to have actual nowledge that racial harassmen of an employee was taking place, or deliberately or recklessly closed his eyes to the fact that it was ng place, if he did not act reasonably to prevent it, he would his employee to the detriment of

However, foresight and culpability were not the means by which the employer's duty was to be defined. The duty was not to subject the employee to racial harassment. The statutory test was best understood by con of the true meaning of the word

which connoted action or decision. Rather it connoted "control". A thing to happen in circumstances where he could control whether it happened or not. An employer subjected an employee to the detriment of racial harassment if he caused or permitted the racial harassment to occur in circum whether it happened or not.

It was not necessary or appropriate that any particular de loresight on the part of the employer needed to be established. Indeed it was undesirable that concepts of the law of negligence should be imported into the statutory torts of racial and sexual

However, on occasions what the

employer knew or foresaw might be relevant to what control the employer could enercise. Lack of possible foresight and the unpossible foresight and the un-expected nature of an event might be relevant to the question of whether the event was under the But foresight of the events or the lack of it could not be deter-

minative of whether the events were under the employer's control An employer might foresee that racial harassment was a real possibility and yet be able to do very little if anything to prevent it from happening or protect his employees from it. For example, the employer of a

recognise that the employee would face a real risk of racial harass ment at times. Yet the prevention of such an event would be largely beyond the control of the employer All he would be able to do was to make his attitude to such behaviour known to the public and to over which the employer had control, a tribunal might well find that he had subjected his employee

The question of whether an employer had subjected his emplovee to racial harassment, when payer to racial nariassment, where a third party was primarily responsible for the harassment, should be decided by the tribunal in its capacity as an industrial jury.

The tribunal should ask itself whether the event in question was something which was sufficiently under the control of the employer he could, by the applic good employment practice, have prevented the harassment or reduced the extent of it. If such was its finding, then the employer had subjected the employee to the

The the hotel manager ought to have warned his assistant managers to keep a look out for Mr Manning and withdraw the young waitresses if things became un sant. He did not do so because he did not give the matter a thought. He should have done. If the assistant managers had been properly instructed, the two

young women would not have suffered any harassment. They might possibly have heard a few offensive words before they were withdrawn, but that would have been all. Accordingly, the employer "subjected" the appellants to the racial harassment which they received from Mr Manning and the guests.

Solicitors: Mr Khurshid Drabu Westminster; Mr David Edwards,

### Digital images equivalent to photographs

Regina v Fellows Regina v Arnold

Before Lord Justice Evans, Mr

Judgment September 27 Images held in digital form on a

computer connected to the Internet were copies of photographs for the purposes of section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1978 and were "distributed or shown" by being made available for access by other computer users. The activities of a defendant who distributed child pornography in that way were also a breach of the me Publications Acts 1959 and 1964.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing appeals by Alban Fel-lows against conviction and sentence of three years imprisonment by Mr Justice Owen on April 2. 1996 at Birmingham Crown Court for possessing indecent photo-graphs of a child and having an obscene article for publication for gain and by Stephen Arnold against conviction for distributing indecent photographs.

Section 1 of the Protection of Children Act 1978 provides: "(I) It is an offence for a person-

(a) to take or permit to be taken any indecent photograph of a child ... or (b) to distribute or show such indecent photographs; or (c) to being distributed or

Section 7, as amended by the

Act 1994, provides:

(2) References to an indecent photograph include an indecent film, a copy of an indecent photograph comprised in a film...

"(4) References to a photograph include ... (b) data stored on a computer disc or by other elec-tronic means which is capable of conversion into a photograph." Section I of the Obscene Publications Act 1959 provides:

"(Z) in this Act 'article' means any description of article containing or embodying matter to be read or looked at or both, any sound record, and any film or other record of a picture or

Mr Colman Treacy, QC and Mr Alun Evans for the defendants; Mr John Mitting, QC, for the

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said Fellows, a computer specialist at Birmingham University, had used his employers' computer to store data which enabled it to display indecent pictures of children on the computer screen and to produce prints. He had also made that data available on the Internet, so that other computers worldwide could receive and display similar screen images and produce identical

Fellows had controlled access to the archive by means of a pass-word. Arnold was a recipient of material from Fellows archive, having contributed additional data

They contended at trial that such computer data did not comprise a photograph for the purposes of section 1 of the 1978 Act and that the data were not, in any event, distributed or shown merely by reason of being made available for

downloading.
The judge had dismissed those rguments and the defendants had

then pleaded guilty.
The judge had taken a broad purposive approach, interpreting the statutes so as to enable them to encompass the storage of pornographic material on computer and electronic transference

The central issue raised by the appeal arose from the fact that in 1959 and 1964 when the Obscene Publications Acts were passed and even in 1978 when the Protection of Children Act was passed Pariament could not have envisaged the precise capabilities of modern technology, in particular the ability of computers to store data which enabled them to reduce photographs which could be retrieved by any other computer linked telephonically to the storage , computer worldwide.

The first appellant had created a data archive stored in the hard disk of the Birmingham computer which was derived from pornographic photographs of children which could be downloaded by other computer users who knew

the correct password. The data could be used to create either screen images or documentary printours which were indistin-

from the original hotograph. photograph.

The second appellant had transmitted files of obscene pictures from his own computer to the Rirmingham computer. In return the first appellant had given him a

password to access the data

The court's orimary task was to ascertain the meaning of the words in the statute itself and it was only in that sense that what was or might be inferred to have been the intention of Parliament was relevant. In Attorney-General's Ref-App R 7I) a person who provided screen images derived from a video cape was found to have published an obscene article con-trary to section 2 of the 1959 Act.

That decision was a direct authority on the issues raised under the 1959 Act in the instant appeal. It was also relevant to the construction of the 1978 Act because the court acknowledged that it was at least doubtful whether in 1959 Parliament had envisaged that video cassettes would become widely available and so provide a means for obscene displays contrary to the

His Lordship reviewed the term although the computer disk was not a photograph it was "a copy of contained data, not visible to the appropriate technical means into which exactly reproduced the original photograph from which it was

It was a form of copy which made the original photograph, or a copy of it, available for viewing by a person with access to the disl There was no restriction on the form of a "copy of an indecent photograph" within section 7(2) and the data represented the original photograph, in another form. That conclusion was supported by R v Brown (Gregory) ([1996] I AC 543).

The definitions in sections I and 7(2) were wide enough to include later as well as contemporary forms of copies of photographs. There was ample evidence that the first appellant had actively shown or sought to show the archive to

others. The fact that the recipient obtained an exact reproduction of the photograph contained in the ar-chive in digital form did not mean that the copy photographs in the archive were not held in the first appellant's possession with a view to their being shown to others. The appeals would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Glasvers. Birmingham: Crown Prosecution

### Council cannot be forced to pay for assessment of child in care

In re C (a Minor) (Local authority: Assessment) Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss,

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[Judgment September 30]

A local authority having interim care of a young child could not be directed by the court to carry out and pay for an assessment of the child together with his parents at a residential home. Notwithstanding that it was in the child's interest that such assessment should take place,

section 38(6) of the Children Act 1989 did not confer jurisdiction on the court to make such a direction. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Oldam Metropolitan Borough Council from the direction given by Mrs Justice Hogg sitting in Manchester in July 1996 that the child and his parents be placed at a residential assessment

care proceedings were heard. The parents and the child's guardian ad litem were given leave o appeal to the House of Lords. After the judgment the court

granted an application by the child's parents and the guardian ad litem for leave to move for judicial review of the local authority's decision given in 1996 by the assistant director of social elacement with his foster carer rather than to arrange for the

Section 38 of the Children Act 1989 provides: *(6) Where the court nakes an interim care order ... it may give such directions if any, as it considers appropriate with re-gard to the medical, psychiatric nination or other assessment

of the child". Mr A. A. Rumbelow, QC, Mr A. Hayden and Miss Gillian Irving the parents; Ms Lesley Newton for the guardian ad litem: Mrs Jean France-Hayhurst for the local

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that in October 1995 the child, born in June 1995, was admitted to hospital suffering from fits. A paediatrician diagnosed non-accidental head injuries. No satisfactory explanation of the injuries while in the care of his

parents had been given. There

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remained a question as to whether he has suffered permanent brain

The local authority was granted an interim care order and a guardian ad litem was appointed. On discharge from hospital the child was placed with foster

mother aged 17 at the time of the birth and the father 16. They were immature and without satisfactory family backing. The judge, hearing the application before the final contested care proceedings, concluded that it was

in the interests of the child that the residential assessment should take place and, relying on the decision of Mr Justice Singer in In re KP (unreported, October II, 1995), held hat she had jurisdiction to make the direction under section 38(6). Unfortunately, although not surprisingly, the judge was not provided with the Court of Appeal

decision in In re M (Minors) (unreported, July 12, 1996) in which was held that In re KP was wrongly decided. Before the passing of the 1989 Act the High Court in the exercise of its parens patriae inherent iurisdiction retained control over wards, even while they were in local authority care.

The 1989 Act retained some elements of the wardship jurisdiction. However, it had been under lined in numerous decisions of the court that on an application before the court, the court made the decision but that when the care order was made the local authority was thereafter in the driving sear mless or until the matter back to the court. In general the court could not impose conditions on, nor seek undertakings from, a local authority.

An exception to the general rule was when a child was placed with an authority under an interim order in accordance with section

That section underlined the interface between the court and the local authority and the tensions arising therefrom.

That tension was starkly demonstrated by the present appeal The consequences of authority's successful objection to the judge's order were obvious and disastrous for the parents.

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nity to take part in a residential nent and the responsibility for the child's injuries was laid at their door, the outcome of the final hearing before the judge was almost a foregone conclusion. The court would be deprived of

If they did not have the opportu-

valuable information on which to assess the parents. The crucial decision of the court as to the long term future of the child would, in effect, be pre-empted by the decision of the assistant director of social services. The issue was whether the

jurisdiction of the court under section 38(6) to direct the local authority to carry out medical, psychiatric examination or other essment of the child extended to of the child together with his parents for three months at a cost to the local authority between El8.000 and £24.000.

In In re I. la Minor) funreported May 22, 1995) Lord Justice Ward had said that section 38(6) did not give the judge power to direct where the child should reside during any assessment. He held that by making an interim care order the judge surrendered ul-

In In re M (Minors) Lord Justice Swinton Thomas had said that "to give directions in relation to examinations or assessments of power to give directions in relation nts of the mother or the family as a whole ... nor ... does the subsection give to the judge . . . power to direct where a child will That decision was binding on

the court. The answer to the appeal was clear and on the facts produced an unhappy result. The local authority could not be

directed to pay for a residential assessment unit for the parents In In re M her Ladyship said that in that case she had expressed the hope that where a judge had carefully considered the needs of the child and had come to the

conclusion that it was in the child's

best interests for such an assess

ment to take place, the local authority would be likely to reconsider its decision. The present refusal of the local authority, justifiable although it might be on resource grounds, to respond to the decision of a High Court judge that the assessment should go ahead for the sake of the child presented grave difficulties in the resolution of that tension

between the court and the local authority, Lord Justice Waite and Lord

Justice Roch agreed. Solicitors: Norcross Lees & Taylor Booth & Middleton, Oldham: Mr

#### Priority housing need Regina v Westminster City Council, Ex parte Bishop

The correct construction of section 59(1)(b) of the Housing Act 1985 for the purposes of deciding whether an applicant had priority need for housing under Part III of that Act where dependent children were involved was that the child had to be dependent at least in part upon the applicant.
Mr Robin Purchas, QC, sitting

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as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held on August 8. when dismissing an application for judicial review of the decision. of September 26, 1995 of Westminster City Council that the applicant, Matthew Bishop, the father of two children, who lived apart from the children's mother. did not have a priority need for housing under Part III of the 1985

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### Bank need not obey conjectural papers

Another, Ex parte Northern Bank Ltd

Regina v McKnight and Others, Ex parte Northern Bank

Before Mr Justice Ferris

[Judgment August 21] A person required to produce documents pertaining to Inland Revenue investigations by a notice under section 20(3) of the Taxes Management Act 1970 fell into the established category of a "mere witness" and a notice made in respect of him should not demand the production of conjectural rather than actual documents.

Mr Justice Ferris, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in grant-ing the applications of the Northern Bank Ltd for certiorari to quash 13 notices served against it in relation to the affairs of some of its clients under section 20(3) of the Taxes Management Act 1970 by Mr M. J. O'Kane, Mr David McKnight, Mr J. G. Smith and Mr

Section 20 of the 1970 Act, as substituted for the original section by section 57(1) and Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 1976 and amended by sections 142(1) to (8), (10) and 187(1) and Schedule 17 of the nce Act 1989, provides:

(3) . . . an inspector may, for the purpose of inquiring into the tax liability of any person ... by notice in writing require any other person to deliver to the inspector or, if the person to whom the notice is given so elects, to make available for inspection by a named officer of the board, such documents as are in his possession or power and as (in the inspector's reasonable opinion) contain, or may contain information relevant to any tax liability to which the tax payer is or may be, or may have been, subject, or to the amount of any such

The bank had received 13 section 20(3) notices in similar terms relating to the affairs of a number required for production were listed in a schedule to each notice. Inter-alia the schedules referred to: "2 Record of any deeds

"Y Any ottomination, indicating the existence of any tuxpayer!". Mr David Goldberg, QC and

"9 Any documentation, notes etc

Mr John Walters for the applicant; Ms Genevra Caws, QC and Mr Rabinder Singh

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that the thrust of the applicant's argument was that the schedule identi-fied not specific documents but classes of documents, documents whose existence was conjectural or categories of documents in respect of which the bank was required to carry out an exercise in judgment in order to determine whether it had or had not in its possession or power documents of the kind

It was clear that outside the cope of the statutory provisions of the kind with which his Lordship was concerned, the courts had recognised a general principle that a mere witness was not to be

required to give discovery. That meant that the witness could not be required to search through his records to see which, if any of them, might be material to the case. In part that was because a mere witness would not ordinarily know what were the issues in the

But different considerations applied where the witness could be told what documents he was to look for and to produce. That principle was so well established that the legislature ought not to be treated as having overridden it unless clear words were used. A party in the position of the bank in relation to the investigation of the tax liability of one of its customers was a "mere v

Section 20(3) of the was not enacted in a context which might suggest that an obligation equiva-lent to that involved in giving discovery was being imposed.
When, therefore, the principle that a mere witness could not be required to give discovery was taken into account, his Lordship considered that section 20(3) did not allow a party to be cived in the control of the con

not allow a notice to be given in respect of conjectural as distinct from actual documents. It followed that those items which were in the schedules which were expressed in terms which indicated that the draftsman of the notice did not know whether such documents existed but required the bank to consider and inquire whether they did, and if they did to search them out and produce them

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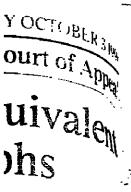
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FILM 1

Hollywood raids the library again to make a cool and gritty version of Hardy's Jude



FILM 2

Daft laughs wear thin as Eddie Murphy remakes a Jerry Lewis classic, The Nutty Professor





FILM 3

Meg Ryan and Co delve into the Gulf War's greyer areas in Courage **Under Fire** 



FILM 4

Touch of Evil, Orson Welles's creepy thriller, is given a new lease of life

CINEMA: Geoff Brown hails a touching performance by a rising young star in a Jude obscured by rain and snow

# Winslet wonderful as Wessex girl

milestone of Eng Lit lands in the cinemas. Not that Thomas Hardy's last novel. Jude the Obscure, is an obvious candidate for celluloid prettification. There is no social comedy among encups and crinoline. No rolling

green hills, nor pealing church bells The very first scene of Michael Winterbottom's film — it bears the blunt title Jude — thrusts us into an oppressive world, shot in stark black-and-white through the widescreen lens of Eduardo Serra. A ploughed field. Circling rooks. Young Jude feeds them, when he should be scaring them. The farmer whips him for his pains.

Subsequent scenes move into

Jude Warner West End. 15, 122 mins Austere misery from

The Nutty Professor Empire, 12, 95 mins Wobbly comedy with Eddie Murphy

Courage Under Fire Odeon West End, 15, 116 mins Rashomon meets Desert Storm

Touch of Evil Lumiere, I2, I08 mins Orson Welles's last

Hollywood flourish

Letters from the East National Film Theatre 120 mins Worthy but inert drama

colour. The sun sometimes shines. but the dominant mood remains bleak. Snow blankets the land, or rain tumbles down on to grey stone. There is no fiesta, least of all in the hearts of stonecutter Jude (Christopher Eccleston) and his cousin Sue (Kate Winslet) as they struggle against fate and society's disapprov-

Winterbottom loves the fierceness man who littered our motorways with corpses in Butterfly Kiss, and, on television, held up the mirror to Roddy Doyle's fractious Family. Finding modern Dorset too twee to stand in for Hardy's Wessex, he sent his cameras north, to Yorkshire, 3 Northumberland and Edinburgh, in search of savage landscapes and unadorned stone. He also encouraged the writer Hossein Amini to scratch period words from his script, and manufacture a forceful. contemporary-sounding tale of dashed hopes and love fighting against the odds.

Aside from a few over-bustling crowds and clip-clopping horses, Winterbottom successfully achieves his lean, mean, modern style. But at what cost? By underlining the grimness of Hardy's story he risks emotional monotony and audience disenchantment. And the import of events is often stunted by the script's compression of Hardy's episodic writing. Characters chase each other from place to place at an almost comical speed. One second we hear that Jude had sired a child with his absent wife, good-time girl Arabella; the next the boy stands at the



Kate Winslet gives a "mesmerising, beautifully modulated performance" as Sue Bridehead, seen here at the grave of her son, in Michael Winterbottom's otherwise disappointing Jude

quayside, shipped all the way from

Winterbottom's cool, fractured style places a special burden on the performers. Eccleston's Jude, the stonecutter who longs to better himself by learning, is as pained and sensitive as he needs to be, although he could not spot a joke if it fell on his head. So for warmth we must look to Sue Bridehead, the cousin who plunges into a mistaken marriage with Jude's former schoolteacher, Phillotson, Winslet, flinty and vivacious, dances through the early scenes, but by the end she is wan, drained of life by fate's hard knocks. Hers is a mesmerising, beautifully modulated performance. and she gives Jude a real shot in the arm: not quite enough, though, to prevent audiences themselves feel-

ing drained of life. If you need a barrel of laughs. there is always Eddie Murphy and his remake of Jerry Lewis's The Nutty Professor, an inspired variation on Dr Jekvil and Mr Hyde. The hero actually looks like a barrel; Professor Sherman Klump weighs 400lb, and can rub off the writing on his blackboard with an accidental

whisk of his turn. In Lewis's original, 33 years ago, the character was a nerdy weed, teeth and glasses permanently askew; but Murphy's revisions allow for fat jokes galore before the potion is drunk and Klump slims down to his alter ego of Buddy Love, a campus Casanova and braggart deluxe.

ut are the jokes funny? Yes. at first. Murphy's Klump may be a creature built from foam and make-up, but he still suggests a real human being, sweet and charming. Even when the Klump family congregates for a fusillade of jokes about food and farting, the outrageousness of the comedy softens the crash as the bad taste barrier is broken. (It had to break some time, for the film's director is Tom Shadyac, maestro of Ace Ventura, Pet Detective.) There is also another technical stunt to enjoy: Murphy plays all the family members, one child excepted.

But the fun does not last. The film starts losing its appeal once Love takes over Klump's life. Playing a brash, strutting Romeo is nothing unusual for Eddie Murphy, so the

film strays into barren territory. And, as the jokes and vulgarities pile up, you long for the warmth of the earlier scenes when Klump bumped into electric switches, broke a trampoline or shone with quiet delight at an attractive young woman's attention.

Courage Under Fire hails from Edward Zwick, the man who leads a double life as the director of patriotic epics (Glory) and the creator of chic TV (thirtysomething). This is a Desert Storm story, and audiences outside America will have to wrestle with the film's unquestioning acceptance of the Gulf War's validity.

Patrick Sheane Duncan's artful script does ask some questions, however. Pushed to the backrooms after accidentally invoking friendly fire on one of his own tanks in the desert, Denzel Washington's Lieutenant-Colonel is asked to prepare a report on a Captain's suitability for a posthumous Medal of Honor. The matter should be simple, particularly when the officer is a woman (Meg Ryan); but, as Washington's pain grows over his own Gulf exploits, he discovers conflicting accounts of her behaviour. A tower of strength - or a quivering coward? Sharp, short flashbacks suggest different answers: this is almost the Rashomon

For a time these guilts and mysteries prove engaging. But the more Washington delves into Ryan's behaviour, the more her character becomes a gaping hole. Snatched only in brief flashbacks, we never get to know this Captain Karen Walden: she is just Ryan in battle dress. And, by sweeping under the carpet much of war's chaos, the film trivialises Washington's inner battles. The great, prob-

Storm is still to be made. Stories differ over how Orson Welles came to make Touch of Evil in 1957, his last brush with the Hollywood studios after years of exile. Some say that after a convivial night he bravely asked to direct the worst script on the shelf of Albert Zugsmith, a maverick producer for Universal. Others, including Welles himself, have said that he was bumped up from actor to director on the project through the powers of Charlton Heston (cast as the narcot-

Whatever the circumstances, Welles threw all his energies into this astonishing thriller; so much so that his baroque visual style and love of seedy atmosphere swamp the story of murky happenings on the Mexican border. Welles's bulky physical presence dominates too: even Heston is cut down to size by his corrupt detective Hank Quinlan, decay oozing from every pore. The famous opening travelling shot sets the scene with a tremendous flourish, and the visual wonders never

stop. This is an unbalanced film, but

a great one. Placed alongside Touch of Evil, a worthy new film such as Letters from the East has all the gleam of a dead fish. Andrew Grieve's inert drama focuses on an Estonian-born woman (Ewa Fröling), long in England, searching for her lost mother as the old country gropes towards independence. Britain, Germany, Finland, Sweden and the European honeypot all helped to fund the project: but this dull, overearnest film never gives an audience of any nationality sufficient reason to plonk down money at the box

### 'Hardy as boring as on paper'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

Richard Wright, 20: I thought that with Christopher Eccleston and Kate Winslet this film couldn't fail, but I found it curiously unin-

Holly Peters, 20: I liked the way the film looked - the director obviously didn't want a rosy view of Britain. But it dragged a bit.

Ben Peters. 22: I remember having to do Hardy for A levels, and now I find that he is as boring on film as he is on

Lucy Knight, 22: I liked this a lot — Eccleston was excellent. and I thought bringing the language into the present day worked well. Thoroughly recommended.

THE NUTTY PROFESSOR Richard: Usually I like Eddie Murphy, but here I found him predictable and tiresome.

Holly: I didn't like this at all even the adverts on the Tube for it put me off. This isn't even worth buying on video in the E2 dumphin.

Ben: If this were better directed then I would have enjoyed story and Murphy quite good fun. However, it wasn't and I

Lucy: This was a clumsy film - it took the mickey out of fat Forrest Gump-style, to accept everybody despite their

COURAGE UNDER FIRE Richard: Any war film that has Meg Ryan in it can't be that bad. The opening se-quence is awesome, and Denzel Washington puts in a fine performance.

Holly: I expected to hate this - anything to do with war bores me - but I found it quite

Ben: I suppose Gulf War films will soon replace Vietnam films. I'm getting quite bored with jungle, so it's nice to see some sand. Good stuff for a Friday night with the boys. Lucy: Not really for me. despite Washington's good performance. Still, if your boyfriend drags you along you

won't complain too much.

### Step aside, Oasis, the hard men are back

t is a cruel irony that Suede, who carried the torch for new British pop single-handedly during 1992 and 1993, should have been eclipsed by the Britpop explosion they did so much to inspire. Their third album. Coming Up, briefly topped the charts a month ago, and their press releases still optimistically refer to them as "officially the best band in the world". But theirs is now just one of several competing claims to the title and, having been the Oasis of their day, they have now dropped to the status of underdog.

On the second night of their British tour, at Glasgow's Barrowland, they handled the new situation with the same dignity and strength of resolve that they have always exhibited. With the stage bathed in pools of blood-red light they entered to the strains of a pseudo string arrangement of She, which gave way to Simon Gilbert's heavy pounding drumbeat then, as Brett Anderson shimmled up to the microphone stand, they simply exploded into life. powering their way in quick succession through Trash, Heroine and Animal Nitrate, with a sense of gleeful urgency

POP Suede

Glasgow

that was an absolute joy to behold. It was a sensational start to

a set that threw into sharp relief the stodgy performance values that have come to be regarded as the norm among their Britpop successors. It was certainly a far more entertaining display than the thug-boy posturing and routine three-chord strumming of Oasis, whatever the relative appeal of Noel Gallagher's

Guitarist Richard Oakes has metamorphosed from the timid schoolboy who stood self-consciously rooted to the spot during their tour of 1994-95 into a guitar god. Not only did he play brilliantly - from the stabbing metallic shapes of So Young to the delicately lilting cadences of By the Sea - but he fully looked the part. chasing the beat with little lunges of his head and stamping his personality on the

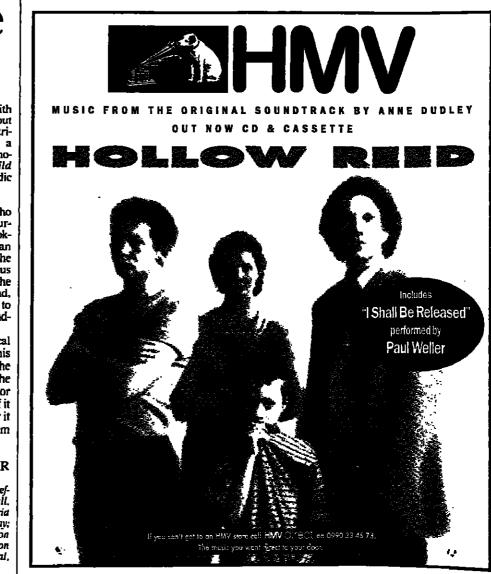
fleshed out the sound with discreet keyboard parts, but made his most telling contribution to the night as a backing vocalist, his harmonies, especially on The Wild Ones, lending extra melodic richness to the songs.

B ut it was Anderson who led the way with purposeful authority. Looking about a stone lighter than when the band last toured, he performed with tremendous energy and style, twirling the microphone above his head, but somehow managing not to hit anything except the intended notes. There were lots of technical

reasons for admiring this show - whether it be the clever lighting design, the subtle changes of backdrop or simply the brash elegance of it all. But at the end of the day it was just brilliant to have them

DAVID SINCLAIR

 Suede play the Octagon, Sheffield, tonight, De Montford Hall, Leicester, tomorrow, Victoria Halls, Hanley, on Saturday; Town and Country, Leeds, on Monday, Hull City Hall, on Tuesday and Kilburn National, New member Neil Codling





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Game for a fiddle: will Ken Campbell's Violin Time enchant the National?

# California dreaming

VISUAL ART: Peter Blake crosses new boundaries through the Old Masters in

his new exhibition. Isabel Carlisle reports

he National Gallery recently announced that it was handing over all its post-1900 paintings to the Tate, and then a week later opened a show by Pop artist Peter Blake. What is it up to? Clearly it recognises that rational boundaries can be positively stultifying when it comes to creativity, especially when that creativity includes making an essentially static national collection come alive again

and again in different ways. Bringing a living artist in to shake up the Old Masters forces a new take the collection. Whether that artist's work should then be measured against the gallery's permanent paintings is not the point. Blake's exhibition sets up a visible dialogue between the art of today and that of the past: the creativity lies in removboundaries and making

connections.

Peter Blake is not one to pay heed to boundaries; he has made the inbetween world of fantasy and disjunction his own territory. He continues to prove his ability to reinvent himself by turning to new subjects and exploring new techniques. As artist in residence at the National Gallery for the past two years, he has come up with a show based on the permanent collection that in its humour cocks a snook at those who take art too seriously, and in its serious handling of paint reminds us that art is a process, not

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just a finished picture. Blake has slipped Old Masters into his collage works in the past. He produced a reprise of Landseer's Monarch of the Glen in 1966 in which 3-D lettering reduced that Victorian icon to instant kirsch. In the early Eighties he based his Have a Nice Day, Mr Hockney on Courbet's Bonjour Monsieur Courbet. Blake's painting hangs in the opening section of this exhibition as a reference point, with a postcard of the Courbet next to it. In transposing the three figures of Courbet's painting to the present-day boardwalk on Venice Beach, California - casting David Hockney as Courbet, Peter Blake as his patron and Howard Hodgkin as his deferential servant - Blake introduces his

characteristic flavour of unreality. At the National Gallery, Blake has gone on to produce a whole series of Venice Beach Madonnas, taking madonnas by Old Masters and importing them wholesale into Venice Beach settings to produce a startling contrast between then and now. Directly copied from Dieric Bouts, the Netherlandish madonna in Madonna of Venice Beach I offers the naked Christ child her breast (an act of public indecency which the

LAPD would crack down on fast) right on the edge of the rollerskating path. She is as much locked into her own world as the two skaters in the foreground are locked into sun, sea and the cult of the body beautiful. It is funny; it shocks; it is beautifully painted; but it ultimately disappoints by being tricksy and facile in the way that an obvious formula inevitably becomes facile.

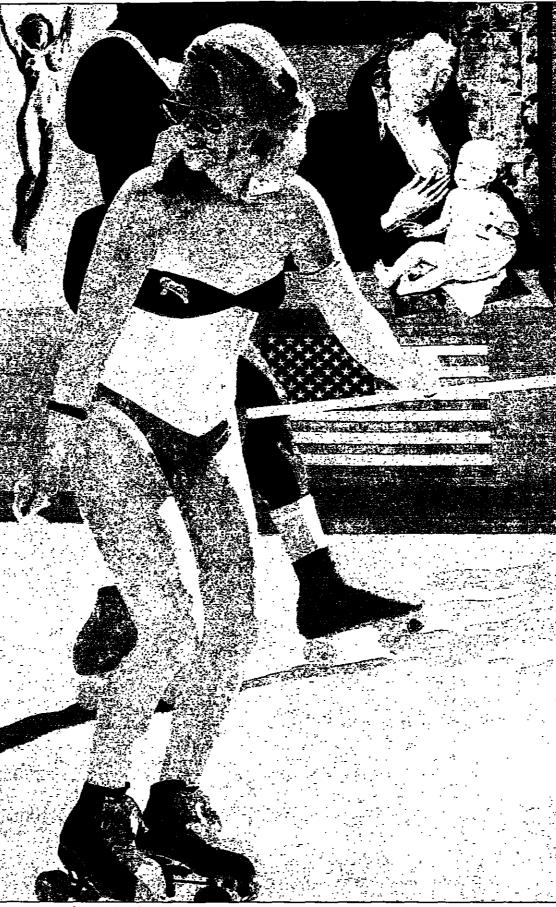
Blake's greatest success in the "Old Masters go to California" genre is After Longhi: Exhibition of a Rhinoceros at Venice. The foreground is Longhi's scene of masked figures in carnival dress looking down on the rhino in his pen; behind, the Venice Beach boardwalk with rollerskaters and palm trees; and along the back a high wall painted with snippets of frescoes by Tiepolo. Eighties California (note the absence of in-line skates) is sandwiched between two layers of 18th-century Venice. The bare flesh of Tiepolo's decorous women sets up an intriguing contrast between the artistic nude and the photographically derived naked limbs of the skaters.

ure frivolity and fun take over in The Venuses Outing to Weymouth, complete with 1930s charabanc in the far distance. It's a game of "spot the artist" with sunbathing lovelies copied from Venuses by Titian, Giorgione, Velázquez, Cranach, Correggio and Bronzino. Two attendant cupids play cricket on the beach originally painted by Constable. Being unfinished, it has a spontaneity and visible delight in handling paint.

This looser technique becomes wonderfully sensual in After a Copy of Michelangelo's Leda and the Swan. To his contemporaries Michelangelo was famous for his ability to excel in both sculpture and paint. Today his contours look unyieldingly hard and his colours far removed from the glow of 16th-century Vene-

Blake has come up with a Titianesque rendering of one of the most erotic paintings in the National Gallery Michelangelo, in the lost original of this work, was repeating the classical tradition of explicit depictions of the coupling of Zeus, in Leda. Blake's is a work in progress in thin oils that stain rather than coat the canvas, but I find the effect glorious; it should be left as it is. I would guess that Blake, like so many artists before him, has found in copying the Old Masters a new way forward in his art.

■ Now We Are 64 is in the Sunley Room. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (0171-839 3321) until Jan 5



Madonna of Venice Beach I, from a series by Blake that puts madonnas by Old Masters into beach settings

### CONCERTS A sight and sound show

GIVEN the right conductor, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra is still one of the best of British ensembles. That much was clear in the first concert of the new season in the Usher Hall where Alexander Lazarev secured from the RSNO the kind of brilliance it has displayed only rarely since the precipitate departure of Neeme Jarvi eight years ago. Although he lacks Järvi's all-round virtuosity, Lazarev does have the ability to motivate an orchestra. which can be grudging

with its enthusiasm. So when Lazarev takes over from Walter Weller as princi-pal conductor of the RSNO next year, it should be a very useful partnership. There could be occasions when the odd item is under-rehearsed. like Rimsky-Korsakov's May Night Overture in this concert, and when one is moved to wonder about the conductor's ability to solve problems on the spot. But once the impulse is there, this is the musician to sustain and con**RSNO/Lazarev** Edinburgh

The sight of Lazarev whirling his baton over his head like a helicopter blade in the second movement of Rachmaninov's Second Symphony was only less remarkable than the sound that went with it. There were awkward moments in this performance too, but the willingness to take risks, the consistent expectancy in the rhythms, the generosity of the instrumental colouring, the vividly three-dimensional quality of the textures were indications of commitment to an interpreta-

tion of rare spontaneity The relationship between the orchestra and Dmitri Alexeev in the stressful conditions of Prokofiev's Second Piano Concerto was another encouragingly positive aspect of the concert. Whatever exhilaration Alexeev got out of it, he deserved every bit.

GERALD LARNER

### Spanish gain

FEW recent musical anniversaries have been marked more constructively than the centenary of Roberto Gerhard's birth, which fell last week. Since his death in exile in Cambridge 26 years ago, the importance of this individual voice in 20th-century music has been only intermittently reflected. It has taken this year's performances to reveal the rich variety of his output.

Saturday's early evening concert, part of the Phil harmonia Orchestra's Music of Today series, gave us three pieces. The composer's roots in Catalonia were firmly established in his exuberant Sardana No 1. His studies with Schoenberg resulted in the serialism we heard in the was not rigidly applied in this work. Stefan Asbury conduct-

ed a fluid performance. Most memorable of all was the Pandora Suite, drawn from the anti-Fascist ballet Gerhard wrote in the early 1940s. In his modern reinterpretation of the myth, the contents of Pandora's box include materialism and to-

Philharmonia/ Frühbeck de Burgos Festival Hall

talitarianism, and the sensuous music suggests that the composer was responding to Franco's suppression.

Gerhard must be kept in the concert repertory, and if other music needs to make way it could include Strauss's Ein Heldenleben, featured in the Philharmonia's main programme. Although the tempestuous opening was not quite together, Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos almost made this overblown tone-poem

sound like a good work. Frühbeck de Burgos's thoven before the interval was in the traditional mould. He conducted an arresting account of the Overture to The Creatures of Prometheus, and was a sensitive accompanist to the impressive young virtuoso Boris Berezovsky in the Piano Concerto No I.

JOHN ALLISON

THEATRE: Ian Brown tells why he gave up job security for the precarious life of a freelance director; plus a new play with few expletives deleted

### New labour, different dangers

one of the employment benefits enjoyed by arts workers in general and theatre practitioners in particular. Even so, it might seem strange foolhardy, even - for a

himself at the head of one of the country's most respected and successful producing theatres to step down and pursue a freelance career.

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artistic director of Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre, Ian Brown is looking forward to a bit of insecurity. "It's going to be an interesting balance between earning a living and being true to my artistic self," he says. I have to prove myself; I have to compete on the open market. But that is the adventure. You can't just sit back and let the money roll

With the standard rates for freelance directors being what they are - Cameron Mackintosh musicals excepted there seems little chance of that. Brown may have arrived in London without, as he puts it, "a huge mountain of work", but it seems unlikely his diary will stay blank for long. His first production for the Donmar Warehouse, a revival of Sam Shepard's *Fool for* Love, opens tonight. Then he will direct the first stage adaptation of an Armistead Maupin novel - Babycakes from the Tales of the City series - for Clyde Unity Theatre in the new year. Planned for next spring is the European premiere of Ariel

Dorfman's Windows. Not bad for a self-pro-claimed "new director in own", the man who accepted the Donmar job because "Sam Mendes was the first person to make me an offer". In fact, the only thing that seems to be missing from Brown's current schedule is the endless stream of paperwork that inevitably taxes an artistic director. He denies, though, that this was a factor in his departure from

"A myth went round that I left because the administrative burden was so horrendous I wasn't prepared to do it any more, but that's just baloney. It is hard work trying to marry the two sides of the job, but if

you are going to run a theatre. that's what you do."

Brown concedes that he did find the continual round of funding battles exhausting, but says he left the Traverse for entirely personal reasons to do different things in different situations.

"I felt that I'd been there long enough. I strongly believe that artistic directors should move on and let somebody else have a go. I would have been quite happy to stay in Scot-



Ian Brown: hard at work land, but the opportunities just

aren't there any more. Not on a full-time basis." Which brings us to the other rumour that has circulated -particularly among London theatre observers - about Brown's decision to leave the Traverse: namely, that Scottish theatre has become a bit parochial and its writers stuck in a nostalgic rut.

"I don't think that's true at all," he says. "Scottish theatre has its problems just now, but they are mainly to do with the slow starving to death of (DIT1-369 1732)

companies through lack of funding. You can't justify a theatre's existence unless it is able to produce a reasonable body of work, and you will only get good product coming out of a theatre if it can produce enough work to have some major hits and plays that maybe aren't commercial, but nevertheless need to be done. Theatre needs to invest in longer rehearsal periods and give writers a bit more breath-

ing space, but there is a price that has to be paid for that." Risk-free theatre is a tactic that Brown has never employed himself. The not inconsiderable highlights of his vears at the Traverse were never obvious from the start. Stephen Mulrine's adaptation of Moscow Stations, which transferred, with Tom Courtenay, to London and New York, and James Keiman's Hardie and the Baird were, Brown says, almost anti-theatrical. Brad Fraser's Poor Superman and Harry Gibson's original adaptation of Trainspotting were huge risks". Even the success of Sue Glover's Bondagers — by general consensus, the biggest hit of Brown's Traverse tenure took him by surprise.

Shepard, by comparison, might be considered a safe commercial bet these days. But Fool for Love is, Brown says, not to be underestimated. "It is one of those hermetically sealed plays. A bit like Beckett, it exists as an entity and it doesn't give up its secrets easily. Sure, it's a risk, but that's what makes it worthwhile."

CHRISTOPHER

BOWEN • Fool for Love runs from tonight until November 30 at the Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street WC2

### A four-letter world

Shopping **Ambassadors** 

THE title of Mark Ravenhill's first play is not publishable in full in a nice family newspaper, and appears in an oddly bowdlerised form even on the placards outside what used to be the Ambassadors. and now calls itself the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs in exile. Shopping and ***ing. these proclaim in good winkwink, nudge-nudge style. The impression given -- all the stronger because Soho is hard by - is that behind the ornate fover is Britain's latest contribution to convenience buying, supermarket-cum-brothe Girls on the shelves, cans of tomatoes in the beds, and reward cards for particularly loyal customers in dirty macs. into the theatre in that frame of mind won't be wholly disappointed. There are no tomatoes on sale, which probably irked the man who stomped out halfway through Act II, looking as if he would like to throw one or two at the stage. But there is a fair amount of simulation of gay sex, some of it pretty adolescent, some more complete. What Caesar's soldiers famously did to a Druid in Howard Brenton's Romans in Britain, a couple of London layabouts do to the saddest of Ravenhill's sad characters, a

14-year-old rentboy escaping a exually rapacious stepfather. I daresay the play will pick up reviews along the lines of Sarah Kane's Blasted, which included scenes of cannibalism and eye-gouging as well as rape. But that would be unfair. We must expect the Court to be the Court even when it is temporarily ban-



Kate Ashfield as Lulu in a drama of disenchantment

ished from Sloane Square. Equally, we should expect Max Stafford-Clark's Out of Joint, the company presenting the play, to be out of joint. And the play is not an exercise in titillation but the latest contribution to a growing genre, the drama of disenchantment, the theatre of urban ennui.

But is it an effective contribution or, as I sometimes felt, a derivative one? The bleakness of Ravenhill's young London is not in doubt. The characters inhabit a subworld in which shopping means stealing frozen Thai meals from Tesco and a job consists of selling Ecstasy for a sentimental suburbanite who is nevertheless prepared to punish debtors with chainsaws. Antony Ryding's Gary, the 14-year-old selling his favours above an amusement arcade, typifies the town. So

does James Kennedy's Mark. a recovering druggie simultaneously yearning for and in

flight from human affection. With Robin Soans, Kate Ashfield and Andrew Clover completing the cast, the acting does not lack quality. But my personal jury will remain out on Ravenhill's writing until his next play. I would like to think that the scenes in which Gary begs for a father to rape him, or implores his attackers to destroy his bowels with screwdrivers, come from gen uine horror at a sick world. But I did wonder if Ravenhill was whipping himself into a state of formulaic dismay at the awfulness of things, Either way, the effect is of a southern Trainspotting with more sex and fewer laughs.

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days. Such is her dislike of being "sold in the market". and so great is her fear of the distractions of the trappings of a public career from the real business of music-making. that one fears she may scuttle back to her caravan in the Portuguese countryside and

play only for friends. However, it has to be said that her latest double-disc of the complete Chopin Nocturnes has found its way straight to the top of my small pile of records of the year. From the first phrase, the listener knows this is the real thing. Here is a passion, a concentrated eloquence undistracted by ego, and a simplicity born of long gestation and quiet thought. Each Nocturne

is characterised by an exuberant strength of purpose, works are pure bel canto for the piano, with ornaments which never merely decorate but intensify the line - or in the dark undercurrent swirl-

Preludes, the Nocturnes of Pires reveal new, visionary insight into Chopin which neither the casual listener nor the collector will wish to miss.

### Barry Millington

**■** MOZART Piano Concertos K488, 595 & 467; Masonic Funeral Music, Symphony No 40 Jarrett/Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra/Davies ECM 1565/66***

KEITH Jarrett has been bringing his jazz-rooted, improvisatory approach to bear fruitfully on Bach's music for some time. In this set he

whether it be in open-voiced song — the second and eighth ing beneath the apparent non-

chalance of No 14. Like Krystian Zimerman's

presents three Mozart piano concertos with mixed success. His playing is often sensitive and thoughtful, with some freshly conceived embellishments in the slow movements. His tempos, however, tend towards the deliberate, espe-

cially in K488, with the result that his fingerwork sounds somewhat pedestrian. There is a tendency, too, to make all voices of equal weight, so that broken chords intended to be accompanimental attain unwarranted prominence. To some extent, the beautifully clear, forward recording qualexacerbates that failing. though for the most part it is

an undoubted asset. The orchestral playing under Dennis Russell Davies is immaculately blended and there are some splendidly pungent sonorities in the Masonic Funeral Music. The G Minor Symphony KSSO is stylishly done, with a fine sense of mystery in the slow

movement The booklet contains a long, well-written essay on the works played but no track

### OPERA TO VE John Higgins

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(3 CDs)*** EMI recorded Luc Bondy's production of Don Carlos at the Châtelet in Paris last spring before it came to London. They chose well. Roberto Alagna was in freshest voice in the title role and Antonio Pappano is a conductor with all the blood of

the theatre in his veins. Live performances carry a few penalties, including here the need to keep the volume turned well up. Fail to do that and some of the off-stage choruses will be missed. But the gain is a set which fairly vibrates with dramatic power. Pappano, who converts the Orchestre de Paris into a world-class band, makes even the middle act, where Verdi's

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### **NEW ON VIDEO**

### **■ RESTORATION** Buena Vista, 15, 1995

YOU begin by gazing with awe at the lavishness of Charles II's court, and the wanton ways of the King's favourite physician (Robert Downey Jr). Then early enjoyment of this adaptation of Rose Tremain's novel drains away when the hero reforms and does good deeds. Director Michael Hoffman and his technical team work wonders on a medium budget: if only we cared more about the human beings. With Sam Neill, Meg Ryan and, briefly, Hugh Grant. Available to rent.

### **■** DRACULA

CIC. PG. 1931 "l AM Dracula," Bela Lugosi intones in sepulchral Hungarian tones, "I bid you welcome." Later adventures of the Transylvanian count featured better bats, livelier direction and less theatrical ham: here the Universal studio is still finding its stylistic fangs, and relying too much on the stage source. Essential viewing nonetheless, with chunks of eerie splendour and expres-

### Browning.

■ SAFETY LAST Connoisseur, PG, 1923 HAROLD LLOYD'S comedy contains one of the great images of all cinema: Harold clinging to a collapsing clockface high up on a skyscraper. But there is much more to enjoy in this breezy tale of a 1920s go-getter trying to make his fortune in the big city to earn

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Expecting royalties: Hugh Grant and Robert Downey Jr fail to attract in Michael Hoffman's Restoration

characterisations and action thrills are Galapagos Islands, is hit by big waves perfectly blended. Another Lloyd siand a whirlwind of water. Director lent, the charming The Kid Brother, is also available. Both carry new music scores by Carl Davis.

WHITE SQUALL First Independent, 12, 1996 AT FIRST this sea adventure seems

piffling: the usual rites of passage stuff.

and youth chafing against authority.

Then Jeff Bridges's schooner, a floating school for teenage boys voyaging to the

Ridley Scott sweeps audiences away with the panic and chaos of the "white squall". But after this high point, the film, like the ship itself, has nowhere to go but down. Available to rent.

**■ ULYSSES' GAZE** Artificial Eye, 12, 1995 HARVEY KEITEL seems more symbol than human being as the expatriate film-maker returning to his Balkan

heritage to trace fragments of a pioneering film shot in 1905. Director Theo Angelopoulos, a master of visual poetry, attempts to honour cinema's centenary, the current Bosnian conflict, Greek myth and his own personal concerns all at once — a grand, impossible task. But just watch that sailing ship, pale blue from masthead to prow, edging into the grey harbour.

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### A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargle

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urophobes and Europhiles alike could seek comfort from this tour de force survey of the rise of Europe from Stone Age to New Age. Sceptics might seize upon Professor Davies's masterly demonstration of the infinite diversity and discord of Europe's past. Where Europe starts and stops has never been clear. The Mediterranean united yet divided three continents: "Greek" civilisation developed around the coast of Turkey; Constantinople, so long the hub of the Roman or Byzantine Empire, fell to the Ottomans and became Istanbul; and the Russian question (part of Europe or not?) is as far from resolution as ever.

As Davies's superb gallery of easy-to-read sketch-maps shows. the map of Europe has incessantly been redrawn. Power has perpetually ebbed and flowed from north to south and east to west. In this day and age, it is hard to imagine that Spain was once the scourge of Europe - only to be succeeded in the early 17th century, however briefly, by Sweden! Europe, Davies has been and remains deeply divided by climate and creeds, Diets and diet.

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Of course, from Alexander the Great to Chancellor Kohl, rulers have staked their claims to some grander unity or at least mastery: there was the Roman Empire and the Holy Roman Empire, Napoleon and Hitler and their imperial dreams, while the Pope professed plenitude of spiritual power. But all proved rhetoric, not reality, and attempts to impose union only worsened divisions - witness the never-healed schism between the Vatican and the Greek Orthodox Church. In short, though the idea of unity has oft been floated, the truth

has been Europe divided.
Yet all that may miss the point.
For the overwhelming moral of the eddying events traced in this book is that, at bottom, all of Europe has been in the same boat - or rather

> To the proposition that Leo Abse is crazy, I offer

my assent. So was Nietzsche. So was Dali.

To the proposition that old

age is robbing the 80-year-old

former Welsh Labour MP of

his marbles, I return an em-

phatic No. Mr Abse's marbles

have always been arranged

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ceeds by the inspired rant. As

causes, almost all of which are

now accepted as right, Abse

ranted in his Commons days:

he was ranting later when he

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rade against the mother-eras-

ing Thatcher, People scoffed -

insight. He was ranting when

in one huge peninsula stuck like a great nose at the west end of Asia, subject for centuries to swarm after swarm of invasions from the Steppes, most recently from the Soviet Union. While Europe has never been united, the fates of all its nations have been unextricably interwoven, and the cost of conflict has been the interminable series of wars (lately in the former Yugoslavia) upon whose futile horrors Davies sombrely dwells. "Europe" may be a phantom, but the peoples of the peninsula have a common

experience to share. That is why Davis is right to be dismissive about the self-satisfied myopia pervading our sense of history. At school we mainly learn the history of England (sometimes

> EUROPE A History By Norman Davies OUP, E25 ISBN 0 1982071 0

masquerading as "Britain") with snippets of Western Europe thrown in when necessary; or we trace the rise of the West, which turns out to be a barely veiled version of Anglocentrism. How many of us ever find out about the goings-on in Mitteleuropa or the Mediterranean, about Lithuania or (Davies's great specialty) about Poland? Yet they have shaped our fates.

As one would expect from a

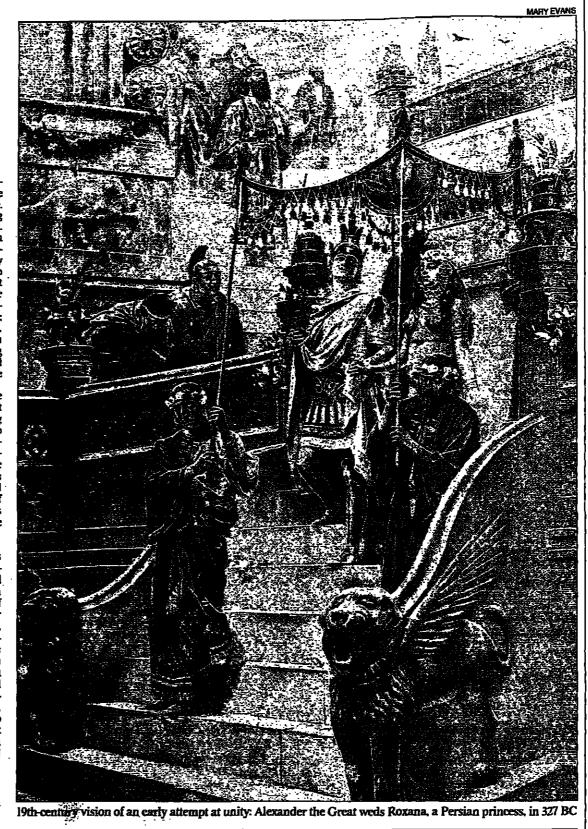
protégé of the great gadfly, A. J. P. Taylor, Davies has no truck with grandiose theorisings and espies no great transcendental patterns or purposes; but if he is sceptical about visionary notions of some European Manifest Destiny, he is even more scathing towards blinkered Little England fantasies. The one lesson Davies's historical anatomy of Europe indubitably teaches is the ludicrousness of insularity: no island is an island.

These days enterprises like this over 1,000 pages long — are generally ground out by committee. This one is all the better from being the work of one pen, one sensibility. Professor Davies's forte lies not in dramatic narrative or lofty generalisation but in his eye for nitty-gritty facts and the ironies of events. To ensure that vital details do not get lost in the fates of nations he ingeniously embeds into his master-text some 200 data "capsules"; ranging from Auschwitz to Zeus, and including forays into such things as political colour-coding (why are Communists Red?) and how the roots of Ulster's Orange Order lie in the South of France.

They provide lay-bys off the highroad of history, convenient pausing places for the panting reader. They also allow Davies to pepper his work with his character-istically pungent opinions. Survey-ing the history of printing, he records that in the good old days the Oxford University Press could bring out a book in a matter of weeks - the point being that his own magnum opus has been three years in production.

roadcasting in 1938 on his return from Munich, Neville Chamberlain bewailed the prospect of war "in a far-away country between people of whom we know nothing". Professor Davies is clearly of the opinion that, had we not been so smugly ignorant, war might have been less likely. If, unlike Chamberlain, you think it important to learn about the Czechs and their history - and about the Russians and Ruthenians, about Belgium and Belarus, about Europe from Dublin to Lublin, and our place in that continent's history, this book is a must — and a sumptuous mental

Professor Norman Davies will be interviewed by Valerie Grove in The Times on Monday.



## The faces of Tony Stardust

My Enemy. The day approaches when the work will be seen

And Mr Abse is ranting now in The Man Behind the Smile. Its shocking assertion is that the leader of the Labour Party mercifully the author stops short of suggesting that anything is amiss with Mr Blair's sexual apparatus. Age does not weary the exoticism of Abse's tirades.

Beatrice, a psycho-political ti-Often heavy-going and in places — frankly — opaque. then quietly acknowledged his this book assumes the mantle of psychoanalysis. Examining he wrote his tirade against the Tony Blair's eccentric family whole German nation, Wotan history, Abse uncovers (he

believes) a parenting which left the boy who, at choir school used to pray with his headmaster, emotionally incomplete: a young man with an unsecured personality. cleaving now to rock music, grasped at templates for his own identity which his up-

bringing never supplied. He diagnoses in Blair's personality an hysterical rejection of challenge: scrambling for authority as a substitute for reason. His worshipping of authoritarian leadership is linked. Abse thinks, to emotional insecurity: and this is what underlies the "consensus by diktat" he imposes. Abse finds Blair utterly different from Margaret Thatcher: she relished a scrap; he reinvents

> the script. In the tense male relationships among the close-knit "new" Labour gang encircling the leadership, Abse detects an unconscious homosexual rivalry he says can exist even between heterosexuals.

reality, writing conflict out of

At this study's core are two linked assertions. Abse believes Blair's personality is because not properly keyed into the male and female paradigms which parenting should provide - incomplete, androgynous, cold, coy, corrosively cute, and adrift: the

any writers seem to lead

depressed and psychosomat-

L ic lives and Beckett is there

in the top league with Conrad and

Tennyson. Anthony Cronin, in his

beautifully personal slant on Beckett's

life, undercuts the myth of nobility and

saintliness that sometimes surrounds

Beckett these days, allowing him to be

the awkward son-of-a-bitch that he

seems to have been in his early manhood. Both biographers depict

him warts and all. Cronin is a sort of

ambassador of Beckett's humanness

and humanity, not always the same

thing, and of his greatness as a mature writer. Knowlson follows suit, except

he is more receptive to the early work

that Cronin finds too knowing and

As a child, Beckett liked to throw

himself off the top of a tall tree in the garden at Cooldrinagh, letting the

lower branches break his fall, and this

suits as a metaphor for the man in

general, an action that could never

entirely please a mother. He loved to

walk with his father about the hills of

south Dublin but engaged with his

mother more in the narrow valleys and

defiles of their clashing temperaments.

Cronin touches on his likely gayness as

opposed to very intermittent gaiety,

and both books itemise epic drinking

which reads very like a coholism but

may not have been. What comes

reflexive — too, in a sense, brilliant.

**Matthew Parris** 

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By Andy McSmith



Blair under scrutiny at Loughborough University, January

David Bowie of Centre politics. This inward androgyny has invaded his approach to policymaking. Ruthlessly desperately - intent on defining his own personality through Office, he is oddly

flabby when asked what he would do with Office. That would be like asking the jelly what it planned to mould. But what would he do? Blair retreats into an obsessive ap-peal to "renewal", "rebirth"

and "youth" - concepts in the deepest sense jejeune - as though they answer the question. "New Labour. New Britain. The party renewed. The country reborn. New Labour. New Britain."

man of the Left, to a fine raillery. Sample his dense, weird, wild, intuitively persuasive style: "As Blair and his impertinent young political pups wage war on Old Labour as they seek to kill off their fathers, these political adolescents boost themselves with a dangerous amnesic and, thus drugged, the courageous

proud erections, dare to obliterate the reality that the most radical and regenerative Labour government', that brought us the welfare state, was led by old men ..." In this, as in all Abse's work, I find the coupling of theoretical pretension with palpable. spite an unhappy tangle. The whole endeavour is easy to

youngsters, manned with piss-

es, however, seem to me to be touched by genius. Perhaps I am prejudiced. My own view is that Tony Blair is an alien from the Planet Vanilla.

dismiss. In the end. Abse can

only be guessing. These guess-

Read the chapter on Blair in Andy McSmith's Faces of The scrupulous McSmith, whose notably cool

biography of John Smith was unaccountably received as a homage, tries to be fair to Mr Blair and would be horrified to hear his book coupled with Abse's. But his attempt to describe where the Labour leader is coming from, where he is going to - indeed, where he might be at the moment, leaves the reader with a weird sense of vacuum. The chapter revealing studies of key or typical Labour figures, one of whom, Peter Mandelson, has described McSmith as "one of the most biassed, ill-informed. malicious and unpleasant iournalists in Westminster". Coming from Mr Mandelson. such a citation would make a tolerably good library out of a library with only McSmith's

f you still think Abse absurd, read New Britain: My Vision of a Young Country, a collection of the abour leader's speeches. It includes photographs of Mr Blair giving the blind David Blunkett an arm, Blair eating fish and chips in Sedgefield and John Prescott with his head in his hands. The speeches are unmitigated pap.

book in it.

The note on the back cover begins. Tony Blair has nothing to hide". After a day struggling with Abse's Freudianism, I cannot escape the secondary meaning of that sentence. Nothing may be precisely what it is that Tony Blair has to hide.

### Master of the Indian rope trick

CLIVE JAMES'S great gift, while more crudely described as that of the gab, is really to be able to make, balancing on a tightrope of irony and glee, a delicious word-souffle that tastes somehow both of snideness and of sympathy. These skills are evident, in

appropriately "Bollywoodian" opulence, in this madcap fable about the Bombay film world. His words whirling like der-vishes, James tells us the tale of Sanjay, a clever, good-looking slum urchin who, having stumbled by a mixture of curiosity and accident upon a film set swarming with aweinspiring film-wallahs.

### Tunku Varadarajan

THE SILVER CASTLE By Clive James Jonathan Cape, E15.99 ISBN 0-224-04384-6

catches early in his life an cinematic world. (Like all powerful fevers, it grips hard: the reader is transported along as if captured in Sanjay's backpocket, snuggled next to the gold earring which the boy finds on the severed ear of a dead Parsi woman, dropped at

his feet by a satiated vulture.)
The Silver Castle is often hardly credible, but that is not the point. James has here captured a cinematic genre and placed it with aplomb between the hard covers of a book. If you are a Hindi film virgin (and most people in this country, to their great loss, are), I give you this advice: where possible, go to your nearest Indian video-rental shop (or, still better, go to one of the few remaining cinema halls in Britain where Hindi films are still screened) and submerge yourself in a film or two. (I especially recommend Don, starring the great Amitabh Bachchan in a "double role", and the irrepressible Amar Akbar Anthony, known

as "Triple A" to true buffs.) Savour the cloying music. Savour the ludicrous sets. Savour, even, the glamour which casts so firm a spell big hips and bigger breasts. yummy-wet saris, slick men who are as adept at dancing as 3 they are at beating-up to a pulp, on their own, a hundred thugs or more, all of them armed with iron bars, and sometimes even guns. Good guys, bad guys, good girls, bad girls, this world is manic and Manichean, the Big Screen as Great Escape.

THIS is the world of The Silver Castle, the world about which Sanjay from the bustee dreams. James's "hero" (and I use the word here in a deliberately Bollywood sense), is a high-calibre character who turns his dreams into rope and hauls himself into the bedrooms of glamorous ac-tresses, having first slept with an assortment of junior Bombay Fagins, as well as a full hand of moneyed pederasts (or gandus, as Sanjay would have called them) who pay him handsomely for his complaisance and even teach him to speak a passable, if stilted. version of English. James's own English, mir-

roring Sanjay's, is sometimes Baroque ("the echoing, Acherontic ostinato of Victoria Terminus") and sometimes bonespare. Occasionally, however. one must find fault with him: not with his language of course, over which he is clearly master, but with his philosophical conceits. There is one terrible splurge (1 forewarn you, please skip pages 44 to 46) on the comparative character of languages. with such arse-aching attempts to epater la bourgeoi-sie as this: "English could be learned much more quickly if it were written down in the Russian Cyrillic alphabet, the only logical aspect of the Russian language."

But I carp. In subtle and tragic ways, this book reaches parts Bollywood does not, and cannot, reach, James, inevitably, finds unreality too uncooperative. I will not tell you what happens in the end to Sanjay. That would only spoil



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### No saint, but kept his appointment Sebastian Barry

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thundering silently out of both books is an ordinary man on an epic scale, both very much the middle-class Protestant his day and the rather separate, strange, blue-eyed revenant full of dreams and memories. He was selfhaunted. His story is an engrossing one, with hints of heroism during the Second World War in France, and a victory over some of the more poisonaspects of himself. The very architecture of his small house at Ussy bespeaks plainness, restraint, and if repose (he was rarely in repose) a real humility. In him presided the Quaker strain of his ancestry, seen also his late prose style.

Beckett required privacy and yet was very willing to meet those who contacted him in Paris, filtered through a reliable friend like Con Leventhal. He



Beckett: both ordinary and epic

used people close to him fairly baldly in his early liction, hurt them, but regretted it all his life. He seems to have been pretty complicated and even jagged in his sexual make-up, not liking to mix sex and love, but was faithful and true to many friends and was sorely oppressed by their deaths. He felt he had let his parents down but responded deeply to the emergencies of his mother's last days and indeed

nursed his brother, most movingly, when he was dying of cancer. He never had much money until his parents died but when he did have it he gave it freely to others. He found it a terrible trial to write but did so until the very end. almost till the day he died.

He was married but to some degree lived the life of an Irish bachelor in classic Dublin fashion. He was im-mensely well-read but insisted eventually on his essential ignorance, man's ignorance, a factor that Cronin rightly identifies as the great seed of his mature output. He shuffled off the coil of Joyce's influence, kept Dante by his bed to the last, the kinder influence. He loved his father, who was reasonably content with the world, and equally his mother, who was not.

He was racketing with contradic-tions, no saint but a secular man engaged in the remaking of literature's rules, the second time in the century that an Irish writer had achieved this He believed in nothing, embraced diminished man wherever found, did no fashionable things, and was and is a severe light. Both Anthony Cronin and James Knowlson have written extraordinary accounts of this life, heroic and trivial, victorious and defeated. They are both very long books, which is somehow appropriate as a final contradiction for a man whose last brief works tended passionately to silence.

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Norman Lewis is swept along by a traveller's odyssey through a prairie wilderness where little is too strange to be true

onathan Raban is fascinated by extremes in nature. His portrait of the Mississippi in Old Glory is painted in descriptive passages of a river that can rarely have been equalled. Now when he turns his attention to another natural immensity we follow him in the knowledge that beauty, however strange, is about to be revealed among the drab

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landscapes of a wasteland.
The badlands of Montana lie adjacent to North Dakota and the Canadian border, and appear as a bald patch in any but a large-scale map. Much of the area is a prairie in which "the intruder is humbled by featureless space". Nothing grows there but sage brush and wiry grass known as nigger wool. There are no trees.

Driving across this huge emptiness Jonathan Raban notes the shallow grooves worn by the single-file herds of buffaloes a century ago. "The whole country," he writes, "presented irself as a graveyard, it was so strewn with relics of the dead." The remains of a Ford Model T lie on the prairie as if "it had fallen out of the sky". The dead had left their stuff lying around to dissolve back into nature in its own time and at its own pace."

## In a barren and dry land

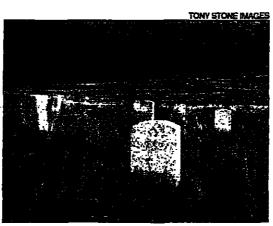
BAD LAND An American Romance By Jonathan Raban Picador, £15,99 ISBN 0-330-34621-0

He pulls up to explore an abandoned house. Swallows have nested on the parlour walls, decayed furniture is still in place, and clothes hang in wardrobes. "! reached for a dress but mildewed cotton came away in my hand like a fistful of spiderweb." Perhaps an opportunity to make their getaway had sparked off irresistible panic in this family and they had just rushed out of the place.

These were the people of Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath victims of one of the cruellest deceptions in history. By 1909, the time of the Homestead Act, the Government of the day was determined to fill the great empty spaces of the West. Expanding

railroads were hungry for passengers and the banks for customers who could be persuaded to take up loans. The trap was 320 acres of free land offered to each family of homsteaders and pamphlets illustrating the rich farm-land and lush pastures to be given away were sent out to every country in Europe. In response to these allurements, immigrants, many penniless, arrived by the thousand to be whisked away to a desert and left largely to

their own resources, whether to go under or at most scrape through. Officially this was semi-arid territory with a rainfall as low as any area on earth capable of supporting human life. A bestselling book, Campbell's Soil Culture Manual, had been hastily published to convince the hesitant



Relics of the dead: General Custer's Montana grave

that farming was at its best in a dry climate such as this, since rainfall leached goodness from the soil. In all other ways the climate was extreme. As an experiment the author set off on a night walk in January with the thermometer registering minus 29 degrees. "If I parted my lips just a fraction I bit

on a sliver of pure cold. as sharp and palpable as a knifeblade ... one had to conserve each sniff for as long as possible before the next painful, cautious in-Raban he had not chanced on a really cold night, when the tem-perature often dropped

There were other cli-

matic hazards, for although it hardly ever rained the badlands suffered hailstorms with stones up to five inches in diameter, which destroyed light planes and

to 40 below.

drove the homesteaders to take refuge underground. Cyclones snatched up telegraph poles and sent them spinning into the sky. Other terrors included plagues of grasshoppers, confirming the suspicions of the many students of the Book of Revelation among the settlers that doomsday was at

As for farming, it was found that ploughing destroyed the precari-ous fertility of the land. The only successful crop was turnips which grew to phenomenal sizes, one establishing a world record of 181b. It was on these that the homesteaders sometimes subsisted, although a few scrawny chickens and an undersized pig might also be raised. The author notes the prevalence of extreme forms of religion. Curiously the Adventists made things worse for themselves by opposing irrigation.

ixty-five years have gone by since the flight from the badlands, and signs of life are returning to the grey moonscape of Montana. Agencies arrange sentimental journies for the descendants of those who once suffered here. More come on "novelty-seekers" tours, amused by trips to towns with names like Musselshell, Crackerville and

Zero where what is left of the past is scrupulously preserved. Most noted of these is Joe, Montana once called Ismay but renamed, in a bid for fame, after the American football player Joe Montana. It has the top novelty-rating based on population decline from about 4,000 to 28. Its annual fête draws up to 8,000 visitors, who pay, Raban says, \$35 a head to walk in the ruins of its raped-off streets, witness a rodeo and refresh themselves at the gas station with a microwaved snack in a plastic sachet, washed down with a Big Gulp Diet Pepsi.

Raban spoke to the 28 while they were awaiting to be flown, all expenses paid, to New York to appear on the David Letterman show - seen as the summit of human achievement. Because he was a writer they agreed to talk to him, otherwise their fame excluded them from everyday contacts. Thus in the end the badlands have produced a success.

This book, as in all Jonathan Raban's writings, abounds with acute observation allied with ebullient wit. His exploration of the tragic episode of the homesteaders is of exceptional historic value since it is based on his many

## Weaving a grand garland of native blooms

ive years working on one book is a long time, but I am of the opinion that Flora Britannica is worth every second of Richard Mabey's time. It is an extraordinary book which has been justifiably described as the *Domesday Book for the plant life of Britain at the end of the 20th century".

The title may give the imic thesis, perhaps only of interest to keen amateur or professional botanists. Nothing could be further from the truth. There are nearly 1.000 native or naturalised species described, covering all the higher plant families found in England, Scotland and Wales. Clear and yet interesting descriptions are given and that is where the similarity with a

standard flora ends. Each plant is described in such a way that you are tempted to delve further, even when satisfied that you have found what you need. Most entries contain down-to-earth comments on the plant's characteristics — for example, the deteriorating flower spikes of the early purple orchid are described as having a smell reminiscent of tom cat - And indeed they do.

The mere mention of the

and the term certainly conjures up clichés about ties of

language, law and tradition.

With these Robin Renwick, a

former British Ambassador to

Washington, has no intention

of boring us. His is a narrative

of the political relationship

between the United States and Britain, together with a sum-ming-up of where it stands

He gives a brilliant account

of the nadir in 1814 when the

United States Ambassador to

London because President

Roosevelt thought him "too

dangerous to have around

here". When his son, President

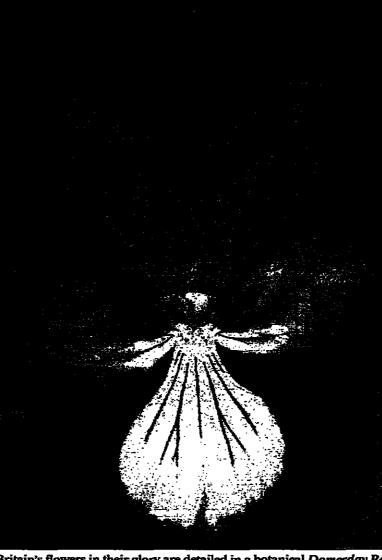
"special relationship" is

apt to produce a yawn;

Pippa Greenwood

FLORA BRITANNICA By Richard Mabey Sinclair-Stevenson, E30 ISBN 1856193772

Mabey has succeeded in drawing together information from ordinary people up and inner-city areas. This has then been eleverly used to create a written picture of how we all interact with plants and how they have shaped our everyday lives, our childhoods, local beliefs and traditions, and the stories we tell. Reading it brings back long-forgotten childhood memories such as using an ash tree as a post-box for scribbled poems and letters, and using its gnarled base as a "living" dolls house. Then there is the rather more alarming story that the green layer on the surface of a pond. caused by the extensive growth of duckweed (Lemna minor) provides the living quarters for the terrifying Jenny Greenteeth. This amorphous monster turks beneath the surface and sucks in any naughty children who dare to stray too close. Behind all





Britain's flowers in their glory are detailed in a botanical Domesday Book mountain pansies from Perthshire show extremes of colour variation

children there is a lesson to be learnt and in this case the choice is between an obvious attempt to deter children from risking drowning by playing too close to water and a threat to children who do not clean their teeth. Sometimes I think I had an unusually calm.

stress-free childhood! Reading local variations of stories and beliefs about plants is fascinating and Flora Britannica is written in such a way that it is almost impossible to put down. It brings

fact that our lives always have been inextricably linked with our surrounding plant life. It provides much evidence that even in this electronic age, we still continue to weave plants of every type and description into the tapestry of our existence.

Regional variations in plant names are covered with equal enthusiasm: in those entries ! checked I was unable to find a single missing common name. In other works we are all too often given a plant's Latin

home, without question, the name, perhaps accompanied by a couple of the more frequently used common names. Here common names have been collected together to provide what I suspect is an unsurpassed collection. I must admit to being unaware that the early purple orchid has such a wide range of aliases including kecklegs, kite's legs, goosey ganders, bloody butch-

ers and kettle legs. It seems that there are, in fact, more than 90 names listed for this one plant and although not all are included here, a useful reference is

More than 500 photographs are used too, showing useful plant portraits and breathtaking shots of the plants in their natural habitats. These too are of a high standard.

Flora Britannica is quite unlike any other book I have ever had the pleasure to review. Its intention was to be a flora "of the people, for the people" and in this it succeeds 100 per cent. Its botanical and factual content is so charmingly written that it should appeal

to anyone, whether a keen botanist, or just someone who enjoys learning about the plants which surround us. It is a perfect mix of the anecdotal and the factual.

After all this there could only be one pitfall, the price. But no. I was fascinated to see that, with the aim of making it accessible to as wide a range of people as possible, it is to be priced at £30.

Pippa Greenwood is a panellist on Gardeners' Question Time.

## Caught in an awkward embrace

Henderson

FIGHTING WITH ALLIES America and Britain in Peace and War By Robin Renwick Macmillan, £25 ISBN 0 333 65743 8

British burnt the White Kennedy, complained to Har-House: and he reminds us of old Macmillan about the way what must surely be the apex the press treated his wife and when, within that same, if necessarily rebuilt, White House, Winston Churchill asked him how he would react if someone said "Lady Dorothy is a drunk", Macmillan stayed for three weeks as the responded: "I would reply. guest of President Roosevelt. It You should have seen her was the most crucial moment of the Second World War, mother'." Renwick is explicit about the immediately after Japan's atprofound shift in the balance tack on Pearl Harbor. In those

between the two sides in weeks Churchill managed to modern times. Inevitable in persuade the Americans to give priority to the war against the long run, It has been accelerated by the participa-Germany rather than Japan. tion of both countries in the It has been a veritable rollertwo World Wars, which has coaster of a relationship, and led to superpower leadership Renwick makes a thriller of for the United States and the ups and downs and the dramatic decline for Britain. way these have affected the This material change has been lives of the peoples of two compounded by political folly. continents for two centuries. of which Renwick cites Eden's The style is spare and vivid. handling of the Suez crisis as The short chapters serve as the supreme example. Eden stepping-stones. preventing distrusted the USA but felt no the reader from hecoming attachment to Europe". The bogged down in a mire of ending of the Cold War and history. Serious content is German reunification have lightened by anecdotes. Thus, also reduced the relative im-Jue Kennedy was appointed portance of London to

Washington. But what is so significant about the relationship between the United States and



A very special relationship: Ronald Reagan, Lucky and Margaret Thatcher in 1985

Britain is the fact, emphasised by Renwick, that, notwithstanding this growing disparity and despite recurring political disagreements (reflected in the double entendre of the title), they continue to mean a great deal to each other, and in a manner that is different from the way either country feels about another.

Renwick attributes this to the hard-headed give and take of the system, at any rate in the present age. He gives examples: the 1940 destroyers for bases deal and the transfer, in

the same year, to the United States of British scientific information ("the most valuable cargo ever brought to the shores of the USA", according to the recipients), in return for American war supplies; and Margaret Thatcher's backing of the United States over the deployment of missiles in Europe and over the bombing of Libya, in recognition of the United States' support in the Falklands War. In Renwick's view that war put the relationship to "its most severe test

During the last half-century the greatest disagreements have occurred, as Renwick shows, over policy towards the Soviet Union. President Roosevelt, Harry Hopkins (his main foreign policy adviser) and even General Eisenhower harboured illusions about Russia, particularly Stalin. and believed that they could co-operate with Moscow satisfactorily during and immediately after the war, provided the British didn't get in the way. In retrospect it must not be forgotten how appallingly

heavy were the casualties that the Red Army had to bear. Nevertheless, it is extraordinary to read now that at the first three-power, wartime summit in Tehran Roosevelt stayed in the Soviet Embassy. The Americans were reluctant to make common cause with the British in trying to prevent Soviet dominance of Central and Eastern Europe. "It would be a terrible mistake," Roosevelt said, "if Uncle Joe thought we had ganged up on him."

Churchill objected to the

American notion that for them, dealing with Britain and the Soviet Union was "six of one and half a dozen of the other". Commenting on Churchill's 1946 Fulton speech, Byrnes, the United States Secretary of State, declared that the nation was no more interested in an alliance with Britain against the Soviet Union than in an alliance with the Soviet Union against

The British decision not to participate fully in the economic integration of Europe is judged by Renwick as "a far more fatal error than Suez". It was based on the conviction that it was necessary to "choose" between Europe and the United States, which he dismisses as "one of the great fallacies of postwar British diplomacy".

Renwick formulates the paradox that Britain cannot afford to be marginalised in Europe if it is to remain influential in Washington; yet it is precisely Britain's differ-

ence from other European countries and its willingness to act without waiting for a European consensus that renders the relationship valuable to the United States. This may be going too far. The more "different" the British are in this respect and the more they appear to be an American Trojan horse in the EU, the less will their influence be in Europe and the less therefore their impact in Washington.

T or does the essential role that Renwick as-signs to Britain of helping to bind together Europe and the United States" correspond to the requirements of either. We are important to both but not as a transatlantic go-between or bridge. As regards our value to the United States, "the plain fact is", as the current United States Ambassador to London. Admiral Crowe, has said, that our policies, concerns, interests and common values coincide with Great Britain's to a degree that is in many ways unique".

In a material sense the uniqueness today remains only in certain areas, particularly nuclear defence and intelligence, but Renwick concludes that Britain renders a political service in ensuring that the United States is not left alone when crises occur that affect the West generally. as in Korea or the Gulf, and when the British will continue to be regarded "as the closest and most dependable of America's allies".

Sir Nicholas Henderson was Ambassador to Washington, 1979-82.

### Foul Oyster's pearls

**Dominic** Bradbury

**OYSTER** By Janette Turner Hospital Virago, £14.99 ISBN 186049 123 5

THE TURN of the millennium is God's gift to the false prophet. Among the sinister cult svengalis of recent years who have used millenarian anxiety as a tool to prise open. impressionable minds stand the disastrous David Koresh. Aum Supreme Truth's Shoko Asahara, and the leaders of the Order of the Solar Temple. Oyster, the enigmatic, charismatic preacher man at the heart of Janette Turner Hospital's ambitious new novel, is a similarly spurious patriarch, spinning an apocalyptic vision of the year 2000 to a remote Australian Outback flock.

followers come from across the country on a wing and a prayer. Iured by the false promise of an idyllic rural escape. What they find is a Waco-style commune, ruled by the egocentric Oyster who engineers a slave labour force to dig the opal seams of his landlocked, godforsaken hole, known as Oyster's Reef. Down in the tunnels of his underground empire he builds a taxfree treasure trove and feeds his own sexual appetites, quietly wiping out dissent.

In this unmapped corner of Queensland, Oyster has found the perfect retreat to realise his dreams. This is an apocalyptic landscape, either baking or freezing: cattle die in the sun and the stench drifts across the lost township of Outer Maroo. It remains uncharted because everyone likes it that way: the opal miners working without government restrictions or taxes: the landowners working deals on opals and arms; the congregation of the town's church of the Living Word, fundamentalists themselves. Here strangers are treated harshly, and those that ask too many questions inevitably meet with "accidents".

FOCUSING much of her story on a sympathetic teenage protagonist, Mercy, and using the arrival of two strangers in search of their children - lost to the cult - as a narrative catalyst, Turner Hospital takes us into a man-made apocalypse every bit as bleak as Waco. Filtered through a largely mute and peripheral narrator, she carefully weaves fundamentalism with murder. opals and dreams, fused in a fragmented, dislocated timeframe that mirrors the deceptive, shifting nature of the Outback landscape (the shimmering Outback air can present on the track ahead a man who passed behind you a day ago").
Turner Hospital conveys

the idea that the hot desolation of the land almost maker rationalism impossible Blending dream sequences Alice in Wonderland imagen and biblical allusions, coun terpointed with more precis passages devoted to opal, oys ters and pearl, it is a lyrical and sophisticated way of storytelling. Much of the pow er and originality of the nove stems from the mesmerising disconcerting quality of the writing and Janette Turne Hospital's ability to create unique pictorial sense of place That the results are so read able, as well as timely, is i testament to her talent.

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### Bargains of the week — from a romantic meal for honeymooners at Cancun to a cycling holiday in Provence

### HOTELS

A £50 voucher, redeemable against any hotel spending, is on offer for guests staying at the four-star Donington This-tle Hotel near the Alton Towers leisure park in Staffordshire. Prices — when booked through Highlife Breaks from October 11 to 27 start at £80 a person for two nights' accommodation and one day's admission to Alton Towers. Details: 0800 700 400.

PRIMA Hotels is offering a special group rate — called a "social rate" — at the Elbow Beach Hotel in Bermuda. The rate for five or more rooms. staying a minimum of three nights, is about £66 a person (with a £38 single supple-ment). The offer, available from November 15 until March next year, includes added benefits such as tennis and transfers. Details: 0800

■ HONEYMOONERS at Sol Melia's five-star Cancun beach resort hotel in Mexico get champagne and fruit on arrival, a romantic dinner for two, and 25 per cent discounts on car rental. Prices start from £397 a couple for three nights. Details: 0800 282 720.

GRAND Heritage Hotels has extended its Penhaligon's Perfume deal until the end of February. Guests booking a two-night break at several of its hotels receive a box of perfumes and other gifts worth £120. Details: 0171-376

■ THE Sheraton this week opened a business centre at its hotel at Paris Charles de Gaulle airport. Terminal 2. The facility includes 27 meeting rooms along with preferential room rates for overnight delegates. Details from: 00 33 1

A THREE-NIGHT weekend break at the five-star De Vere Royal Bath Hotel in Bournemouth costs £195 a person, including accommo-dation and dinner, instead of the usual price of £234, when booked through Crystal Britain. Crystal is also offering a 50 per cent discount on Sunday night accommodation at all De Vere hotels when staying on a Friday and Saturday night. Details: 0181-390 8513.

🖿 THE five-star Rihga Royal Hotel in the heart of Manhattan is offering weekend rates in its luxury Pinnacle suites for \$335 (about £223) a night instead of the usual rate of \$500 (£333) a night. The rate includes airport transfers. De-tails: 001 212 307 5000.

**■ CHAMPAGNE** on arrival is available from October 14 at historic Hartwell House near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. Rates, including breakfast, dinner, and use of the spa, start at £107 a person a night from Sunday to Thursday, and from £123 a person a night on Friday and Saturday. Minimum stay is two nights. Details: 01296 747444.

STAY at the Amstel Inter-Continental Hotel in Amsterdam for the International Chocolate Festival between October 18 and 27. Prices start from £195 a room a night as part of the Heart Of The City weekend packages. Details: 0345 581444.

A sailing and windsurfing package in Greece is on sale from Sunworld Sailing for £459 a person

### FERRIES

STENA Line has day trips on four cross-Channel routes for El5 a car and £1 a car passenger - some weekend supplements apply. Foot passengers pay E5 to include rail travel from London and southeast stations to Dover. Passengers can also buy selected duty-free products at normal prices on the way out. Details: 0990 787787.

■ SEACAT Scotland is running midweek specials be-tween Stranraer and Belfast for £205 for a car and up to four passengers until January 6. Travel must take place between Monday and Thursday. Details: 0345 523523.

■ BRITTANY Ferries is offering up to 24 hours in France

for £9.95 a person for passen-gers travelling from Plymouth, Portsmouth and Poole to Caen, Cherbourg, St Malo and Roscoff. Cars cost an extra £15. Details: 0990 360360.

■ P&O EUROPEAN Ferries is selling cruises to Bilbao in northern Spain for £59, to include three nights on board. Details: 0990 980555.

SCANDINAVIAN Seaways is selling two-night minicruises on ferries from Harwich. The £59 trips will include breakfasts and a sightseeing trip. Departures from Esbjerg and Hamburg will take place next Tuesday and from Gothenburg on Friday, October 11. Details: 0990

AIR FRANCE'S London City to Paris flights will operate into Charles de Gaulle from

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the start of the winter schedules on October 27. Free car parking at London City, for the duration of a trip, will continue. Details: 0181-742 6600.

■ SIA has introduced a useful excursion fare allowing visits to Singapore and Hong Kong. The new ticket costs £588 and passengers can stop over in Singapore in both directions. Details: 0181-747 0007.

FREQUENT travellers between London, Brussels and Antwerp can now buy a Sabena sky pass: the cost is £599 for economy and £799 for business class. It provides 30 days unlimited travel. Details: 0181-780 1444.

■ UNTIL October 31, FETC has a special fare to Bangkok of £235 one way and £417 return, flying Lauda Air via Vienna. Details: 0171-414 8808.

■ DUTCH airline KLM is awarding double frequent flyer points to business and economy class passengers flying from Heathrow and London City to Amsterdam until October 31. Details: 0181-750 9000.

SPANISH airline Iberia has launched a thrice-weekly service between Gatwick, Zaragoza, Oviedo and La Coruna. Fares start at £165 return. Details: 0171-830 0011.

### HOLIDAYS

A SAILING and windsurfing package in Porto Heli, Greece, to include use of a dinghy and windsurf equipment, is on sale from Sunworld Sailing de-parting October 14 for £459 a person. Details: 01273 626284.

■ AN "Israel Discovery" tour including Galilee. Nazareth. Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and Masada leaves on October 6 and 13 with Insight Tours. The price for the eight-day escorted tour is £950 a person. Details: 0990 143433.

■ THE last departure for a Cycling for Softies holiday this year takes to the roads of Provence on October 15. Prices start at £842 for a week in the saddle. Details: 0161-248 8282.

■ THE Nile resort of Luxor. complete with a five-star hotel. sells for £299 with Goldenjoy Holidays - six nights departing Manchester on October 26. Details: 0171-794 9767.

■ CALIFORNIA with Virgin Holidays is currently quoted from £399 for two weeks' flydrive, to include three nights' accommodation. Details: 01293 617181.

■ THE Algarve for a week is available through Cosmos departing Birmingham on Octo-ber 24, costing £225. Details: 0161-480 5799.

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■ BOOKINGS are being taken for a Saturday evening performance of Phantom of the Opera and two nights' B&B in a central London hotel, staged by Rainbow Holidays (01904 643355) for E198 per

wine trail tours of Italy have been organised by Crystal Italy (0181-390 5554). The week-long tour costs from £425 per person. Flights from Manchester or Gatwick and car hire for Saturday departures throughout October.

■ LEARN to play golf with Longshot Golf (01730 268621) at several Mediterranean resorts. Prices start at £493.

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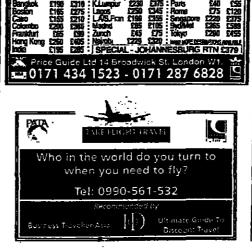
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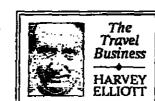
## Britain is swinging again for young tourists

sk any foreign tourist what images of Britain persuaded them to visit us and I guarantee they won't mention Echobelly. That, at least, would be the assumption of anyone over the age of 25.

The Government-backed British Tourist Authority, however, is convinced that it is the young who must be wooed. And, of course, it is the young who know all about such musicians, whose music - Britpop has become the hottest since the

magazine for young travellers, UK: The Guide, which it gives away at its offices worldwide. To judge by the magazine's success, perhaps Brilain's attraction now really does lie in its

music, its fashion and its style. "Why is Britain so great?" says the the magazine. Because it has anitude: a positive, tolerant, multicultural mindset which is above all The BTA has even produced a creative and dynamic... See the



the street markets, the lestivals . . . " The campaign is working. Already. about 45 per cent of all French tourists

are aged under 25 and the authority is determined to increase the percent-

age of young people coming from Japan and the United States. The first batch of 600 copies of the magazine were snapped up within three hours of its launch in Singapore

Britain's trendsetters prefer summer in Turkey or Florida, skiing in Italy and Christmas in the Caribbean

reprint after running out of the 250,000 copies issued to its offices worldwide.

Anthony Sell, chief executive of the BTA, says: "Britain is enjoying a cultural renaissance... Our appeal has many forms, from Britpop and the club scene to symphony orchestras with world-class soloists.

Our cities attract shoppers from all over the world for the latest fashions, from designer labels to street styles. Drawn by such diverse attractions, more visitors are decid-

Worldwide, 80 million trips a year

are taken by 18 to 34-year-olds, who spend E17 billion a year. If the images of Blur. Oasis and the London club scene can persuade more of them to visit Britain, the growth in tourism here could, the BTA believes, be further stimulated.

Each visitor to Britain spends an average of £500, so every planeload of tourists brings with them the equivalent of seven extra jobs. As Oasis would say: "You've got to roll with

### Disney boosts its world-beating Orlando park

By DAVID CHURCHILL

HUGE expansion plans to reinforce Walt Disney World at Orlando, Florida, as the world's leading tourist destination were unveiled this week by Michael Eisner, Disney's chairman, during the 25th anniversary celebrations of the theme park's opening.

Mr Eisner and Hillary Clinton, along with other invited guests, including the late Walt Disney's nephew, Roy Disney, took part in a rededication ceremony this week at the Magic Kingdom theme park. which opened on October 1,

After an inauspicious start, when fewer people than ex-pected turned up because of fears of overcrowding, the resort has made Orlando one of America's fastest-growing cities and the world leader in hotel rooms. From 4,000 hotel rooms in 1971, Orlando now has more than 85,000, surpassing New York and Los

Angeles.
Disney World now attracts more than 30 million visitors a vear and Orlando is this year expected, for the first time, to play host to more than a million Britons, part of the record 1.4 million tourists from the UK who are likely to visit Florida this year. Since it opened in 1971, more than 500 million people have visited Disney World.

But to keep tourists coming, Disney is planning to expand the 30,000-acre resort, of which only about a quarter is already developed. The biggest new attraction will be a new theme park called Animal Kingdom, due to open in early 1998 on 500 acres, making it about five times the size of the Magic Kingdom (the one with the Cinderella Castle in the middle). The other two big theme parks already open are Epcot and the Disney/MGM

Also opening over the next year is a new 2,000-room hotel called Coronado Springs, along with 95,000 sq ft of convention space, and a sports complex with facilities for more than 25 leading sports. The Atlanta Braves, America's baseball champions, are basing their pre-season training at the complex next year.

Coming up as well over the next 12 months is expansion of the resort's restaurant and

ing two new celebrity nightclubs, one of them owned by Gloria Estefan, a 1,500-seat performing arts theatre, a 24screen movie complex and two new Disney superstores.

Disney is also building two cruise ships, which are due to link holidays at Disney World with voyages around the Caribbean.

Newly opened for the 25th anniversary celebrations is a



Goofy in the Magic Kingdom's Cinderella Castle

Boardwalk, themed on the lines of a turn-of-the-century amusement park. For children, there is a new attraction called Mickey's Toontown Fair, which enables them, via a new rollercoaster, to meet Disney characters.

For the length of the Silver Jubilee celebrations, which last until the end of 1997, the 185ft-high Cinderella Castle is being decked out with 25 candles. Previous visitors to Disney World are also being asked to register, via Disney Stores, as "honoured guests". which will entitle them to a free lithograph when they next visit the resort.

### Greek islands *lose their charm for Britons TOP WINTER DESTINATIONS By Steve Keenan demand, with the result that for four out of ten holidays near one million holidays sold, with Majorca alone welhave already been sold, comcoming nearly one million pared with 166,000 at the British holidaymakers. But numbers still fell to the Balearsame time last year. After adjusting the figures. Thomas ic Islands by 12 per cent, to Cook estimates sales are 14 per mainland Spain by 7 per cent and the Canary Islands by 14 cent up year on year. smaller decreases. The biggest success of this per cent, according to Thomas summer was Florida, up by 28 per cent to more than 380,000 For winter 1996-97, Lunn Poly predicts that 3.3 million visitors. The appeal of the

THE GREEK Islands and Cyprus were the big losers as one million lewer Britons took a holiday abroad this summer. Both saw numbers fall by a quarter, while most other mainstream Mediterranean destinations also reported

The exceptions were Turkey and Italy. Turkey increased by 12 per cent to more than 650,000 holidaymakers, making it the third most popular destination behind Spain and Greece. And Italy benefited from good exchange rates to boost British visitors to 330,000 for bookings to the end of August.

Two surveys this week from travel agents Lunn Poly and Thomas Cook confirm that cuts by tour operators reduced the number of package holidays sold. from 9.3 million last year to 8.4 million this year.

Lunn Poly said the lack of late holidays available also meant prices were 10 per cent higher than last year. Peter Povey, marketing director of Lunn Poly, which has the same number of holidays available for 1997, said: "There is no guarantee prices will come down at the last minute, so we advise people to book now."

brought out their 1997 brochures earlier than last vear to take advantage of pent-up

United States and the Caribbean saw the share of long-haul holidays increase to 13 per cent by the end of August compared with 10 per cent at the same stage in 1995,

All-inclusive holidays in the Caribbean combined with extra charter flights saw the Dominican Republic emerge as the most popular island in the West Indies, followed by Jamaica and Barbados. Spain continued to account

WHO COES WHERE Figures for summer, 1996:

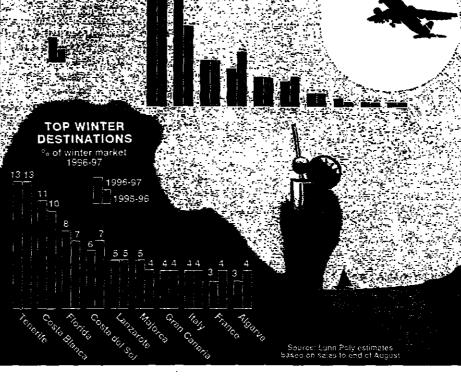
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French airline stops flying

Britons will take a holiday the same number as last year - but they are booking earlier: sales have been boosted by earlier brochure launches, increasing numbers so far to 973,000 - up 28 per cent on

last year. The Caribbean (up by 95 per cent) and Florida (up by 49 per cent) again lead the way, but the biggest winter market is still the Canary Islands, with sales to the end of August of 212,000 packages - nearly a quarter of the total.

In the ski market, Lunn Poly said Italy had now overtaken France and Austria as the main destination for Britons. More than a quarter of all ski bookings through travel agents by the end of August were for Italy. Andorra, Canada. the US and Bulgaria have also seen bookings rise, mainly as a result of currency exchange making them more competitive than traditional



BRITAIN'S biggest tour operator, Thomson, this week expanded its long-haul brochure to cash in on growing demand for exotic holidays. Steve Keenan writes.

More than 1.5 million Britons will travel long-haul this year, the company estimates, resulting in more Caribbean capacity being added with charters from Manchester and Gatwick to the Bahamas. The Faraway Shores bro-

chure - operating year-round from this month - adds flights from ten more UK airports to the Dominican Republic in addition to Gatwick. Birmingham. Manchester and Glasgow.

Thomson managing direc-tor Charles Newbold said :

most buoyant sector of the travel market with numbers growing at 15 per cent each

Thomson has also moved to meet more demand for cruising, another growth area, with packages aboard NCL and Celebrity Cruises sailing from the Dominican Republic and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines in the Bahamas.

Three or four-night cruises from the Bahamas are

A fortnight self-catering on the islands start at £719 and a cruise-and-stay holiday from £945. NCL's ship, the Seaward, has two seven-night cruises from £699 which can be combined with a week in an all-inclusive hotel on the "Long-haul holidays are the island. The Dominican Re- for £1,295.

Hoverspeed plans a

public boasts a third of longhaul all-inclusive properties. Thomson is aiming to at-

tract many of the 20,000 passengers whose cruises aboard the Cunard Countess was abruptly cancelled when the company sold the ship last It claims to have cut prices

substantially while covering virtually the same Caribbean itinerary. A seven-day cruise next May costs £699 compared with £1,340 on the The withdrawal of the

yield. Now it is time to start

moving again by expansion.

The expanded fleet will enable

24 sailings a day out of Dover

Hoverspeed will finalise its

plans for next summer and is

awaiting approaches by P&O

and Stena on possible co-

operation. But Mr Ede said:

'We may just go ahead and do

The company wants to put

prices up next year and is also

introducing a new first-class

cabin to replace its Blue Rib-and club. Customers will have

to pay full fare to gain access.

paid full fare this summer,

compared with 20 per cent in

previous years. But Mr Ede said: "I think fares have

levelled out. We have made

decent profits for three years

because we took an intelligent

approach to the problem."

Only 10 per cent of travellers

Within the next two months.

for Hoverspeed.

Countess has also led to a surge in bookings for rival P&O Cruises, which said last week that demand had trebled. P&O has a 12-night cruise on its Crown Princess night-time activities, includ-



monthly travel guide from the detection agency.

LOW RISK Last month 2,000 troops were deployed in the streets of eight cities in Honduras to fight mounting crime. In Tanzania recently, vehicles carrying foreign nationals were waylaid and robbed.

MODERATE RISK

A German tourist has been stabbed to death during a robbery while sightseeing in the Pretoria area of South Africa. Carjackings in Greater Johannesburg have declined, but firearms were used in 94 per cent of the incidents which did occur.

**HIGH RISK** 

Several tourist spots in Israel, including Jerusalem and Bethlehem, have been affected by fierce fighting between Palestinian and Israeli security forces. Pakistan also remains high risk. Afghans are suspected of being part of a terrorist ring planning to disrupt the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) summit in the Philippines in November.

TENSION DATES

On October 4, 1989, German unification occurred. Violent rallies are possible on the anniversary. Chile's Lautaro Youth Movement can be expected to mark the anniversary of its founding on October

1987, with bombings. Anwar Sadat of Egypt was assassinated on October o. 1981, and opponents of the peace process could carry out attacks. October 6 is also the anniversary of the beginning of the 1967 Six Day War. October 7 marks the founding of Peru's Communist Party and also the sentencing to life imprisonment of the Shining Path leader Abimael Guzman

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### The withdrawal comes after Air France's decision last week yesterday. Steven writes. The indeto scrap its UK route to Bordeaux from October 28 and hand its Toulouse route

HUNDREDS of passengers are likely to lose their tickets to southern France after a French regional airline ceased pendently owned Air Liberté pulled out of its two daily routes, from Gatwick to Bor-

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high-speed boost HOVERSPEED is planning to double its fast-craft fleet hased at Dover in a direct challenge to Eurotunnel next summer. The company may add two SeaCats to its existing

numbers. Hoverspeed has bucked trends this year, holding on to a 10 per cent share of the cross-Channel market. Now it aims to take share away from the car-carrying Le Shuttle service

hovercraft and introduce first-

class cabins in an aggressive attempt to boost passenger by offering up to 24 departures a day on the Dover-Calais route next summer, cutting crossing times to 35 minutes,

By STEVE KEENAN

the same as Le Shuttle. Geoffrey Ede, managing di-rector, said: "At the end of the day, the choice is fast over the Channel or fast under. The ferries have still not got the plot right." He ruled the company out of any merger. dismissing conventional fer-

ries as "dinosaurs". He added: "We have managed pricing, the mix and the



The SeaCat: Hoverspeed may buy two of the fast craft

### Tourism falls victim to Ulster violence

By DAVID CHURCHILL

NORTHERN Ireland tourism officials are bracing themselves for a 25 per cent fall in tourists this year since the renewal of violence.

The sharp fall in tourist numbers will come as a disappointment, but officials say privately that such a slump had been expected. However, they say, visits to Northern Ireland this year would still be about a quarter higher than the 1994 pre-ceasefire figures. The numbers, including business travellers, as well as tourists, are expected to have fallen by 11 per cent on 1995. but will be 7 per cent higher than in 1994. Spending by visitors is also estimated at 6 per cent down on last year. but 10 per cent up on 1994.

Evidence of continuing support for Northern Ireland, in spite of the ending of the ceasefire, came yesterday from the NI Conference Bu-reau. Michael McCormick, its manager, said: "Despite the difficulties . . . we've recorded a 25 per cent increase in inquiries from May to August over the same period last year."

### Hotels install video links

SIX British hotels have installed the first video conferencing network in the country. The hotels in the Millennium and Copthorne group are hoping to save business travel

costs, while boosting use of

their meeting rooms. But the

option does not come cheap. A one-hour face-to-face meeting on screen between. say, colleagues in central London and Glasgow will cost £420 - compared with a fully flexible British Airways return



## McGregor sounds out latest score

By RICHARD HOBSON

FOOTBALLERS might have lived like pop stars for years. but attempts to imitate them professionally are best stran-gled at the sound check. The obligatory record is the downside of modern FA Cup Final routine and Kevin Keegan set a less than dulcet tone for individual efforts almost 20 years ago. Others, unfortunately, have followed

in a similar key.

This sorry fact means that Paul McGregor has to break down a prejudice as thick as the Thames Barrier to be taken seriously in the music world. Yet he is determined to give it his very best shot. Until now McGregor has

been known as a promising striker at Nottingham Forest. His quarter-hour of fame came against Lyons at the City Ground last year, when his goal proved enough to take Forest into the quarter-finals of the Uefa Cup. Those with particularly good memories may also recall that he scored in his next appearance, too, against Manchester United.

The long-term injury that has befallen Steve Stone is likely to mean further opportunities for the 21-year-old in the weeks ahead. Away from the game, the spotlight is about to be turned on him in a more literal sense.

McGregor is the vocalist and chief songwriter in a fourpiece Britpop band called Merc, who make their live debut at Rock City in Nottingham tonight. The club has played host to Oasis, Blur and Pulp among others over the past three years and this time McGregor's team-mate, Scot Gemmill, will offer encouragement as the DJ. Six days later, coinciding with En-gland's World Cup qualifying match against Poland at Wembley, Merc will play at The Wag in Soho.

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Among those promising to attend that concert is Alan McGee, president of the Creation record label, which is home to Oasis, generally recognised as the biggest British group since The Beatles. McGregor, who at least looks the part with his bleached, scraggly hair, told McGee about his group while backstage at the recent Oasis concert at Knebworth.

"I am not daft. People will come along because there is a footballer in the band, but I think they will leave with the impression that we are really. really good. For our first two concerts the interest among record companies is im-



McGregor belts out the lyrics of his own song as he sets out to launch a parallel career to football with the Britpop band, Merc

mense," McGregor said. A pair of acoustic sessions staged for local radio have been well received

This is no whim. McGregor has been in one band or another since the age of 13. originally performing cover versions of The Doors and the Sex Pistols. He has since written ten songs of his own that he believes are good enough to be recorded.

Slipping into a parlance that would impress the Gallagher

with flu. Normally the band rehearse up to four times a week with sessions known to last for six hours on a Sunday. It is a heavy commitment and the worry is that such activities will detract from the performances of a footballer who is yet to fulfil his potential, having scored a club record 49 youth team goals in

the 1991-92 season. Before the Rock City concert was fixed up I went to see the manager [Frank Clark] to

### 'He looks the part of a pop star with his bleached and scraggly hair'

brothers, he said: "My lyrics are about everything and nothing. Some of them are quite meaningful. Others descend into drivel. I honestly cannot think of a good song people associate with football. World in Motion, by New Order, was all right, but I would like to think I can

change that image." Plans to record a demo tape a fortnight ago were shelved when McGregor went down tell him about the publicity I thought I would get." McGregor said. "He was fine about it.

"He plays the guitar himself and sings Beatles songs at our Christmas do, so he was very interested. If we sign with a record company everything would have to fit around football.

By Raymond Keene

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Russia, headed by Garry

Kasparov, won the gold medal in the chess Olympiad in Erevan,

Armenia. In spite of an overall fine

performance, winning most of

their matches and losing only one.

against Spain, England appear to

have missed out on the medals.

They tied with the United States

for third place, but provisional

calculations indicate that the Uni-

ted States will take the bronze

Women's Olympiad

Another disaster, following on the 30 defeat by Russia in the thir-

teenth round, pushed England down to equal tenth. In the final

round, they lost 24-4 to Romania. LEADING SCORES: 1, Georgia 30 (out of 42), equal 2. China and Russia 28%; 4, Ulviame 26%; 5, Hungary 26. England scored 24pts, Scotland 19% and troland 19

The leading player in the England

team was Matthew Sadler, who scored 10½ out of 13, but was, curiously, dropped in the last round, when England needed a big

win against Hungary to clinch the bronze medal. In the event, England did win, but only by 2½-1½, with Short heating Judit Polgar and Adams, Speelman and Hodg-sun drawing respectively, against

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Black: Matthew Sadler (England)

White: Carsten Hoi (Denmark)

Portisch, Almasi and Leko.

Erevan Olympiad

Sadler's triumph

medal on the tie-break.

Gold for Russia

Until six months ago McGregor still shared a bedroom with his 13-year-old

brother at the family home in Chilwell. He has now moved to a fashionable private estate on the outskirts of Nottingham. His home overlooks the county tennis headquarters. once the stage of the presti-gious John Player event, and the squash club that the international players, Peter Marshall and Simon Parke, have made their base.

Signed photographs of the singer-songwriter, Paul Weller, and McGregor's favourite group, The Verve, take pride place in the living room although his contribution to an exhibition of paintings at a gallery in Calverton (he was recently awarded a grade A at A level in art) is out of view.

With the confidence of youth, he answers every question bar one with articulate spontaneity. Would he rather score a winning goal for England or perform on stage with Oasis?

"That's almost impossible," he said. "I suppose if the match kicked off at eight I could score the goal, get in a helicopter and make it for the encore. That would be just about perfect."

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The talented Forest forward shows his true colours

# power

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

GREG RUSEDSKI, of Great Britain, moved into the quar-ter-finals of the Singapore Open yesterday, dismissing Grant Stafford, of South Africa, in straight sets. Rusedski used his big service to secure a 7-6, 6-4 victory on a fast surface at the indoor stadium, and set up an encounter with another big-hitter, Andrei Olhovskiy, of Russia, who put out Patrik Fredriksson 7-5, 6-2. Fredriksson, of Sweden, caused an upset on Tuesday by defeating the No 3 seed, Paul Haarhuis, from

Holland. The first set between Rusedski and Stafford produced no service breaks, but the Briton overwhelmed the South African in the tie-break, losing only one point.
Stafford had his chance to

break early in the second set but Rusedski saved the game with one of the 13 aces he served during the 80-minute match. "I felt so much better than yesterday: I felt about 95 per cent well today." Rusedski, who has been suffering from a bout of flu, said. "My next match is against Olhovskiy. We have never played — but I'll have to be playing well."

Richard Krajicek, of Holland, the No 2 seed, survived a close call before beating Nicola Bruno, of Italy, 7-6 6-3, in a match that proved more testing than the result suggested. "I would rather do it this way than start by winning 6-1, 6-1," Krajicek, the Wimbledon champion, said. Michael Chang, the world No 2, survived a close call of a different sort. On Tuesday, Chang defeated Dennis van

Scheppingen, of Holland, 6-0, 6-3, despite almost having been run down by a car on Monday night, his agent re-vealed yesterday. The American had stepped off the curb by the stadium. "It was a near thing," a spokesman said. Tim Henman, of Britain,

started his attempt to climb into the world's top 20 by the end of the year with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Guy Forget, of France, in the first round of the men's tournament in Lyons. Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, and Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, both former winners of the event, were put out.

# TENNIS Rusedski serves up display of nower TENNIS Rugby LEAGUE Welsh club turns down first division By Christopher Irvine UTH Wales yesterday rei an offer to play in the livision next season and out of the Rugby Foorugue (RFL), three weeks fledgeling circles

SOUTH Wales yesterday re-fused an offer to play in the first division next season and pulled out of the Rugby Football League (RFL), three weeks after the fledgeling club was denied a fast track into the Super League. It is not quite the death knell for the game in the Principality, but without a professional team, the future appears bleak.

It was Super League or bust, and without a place among the elite, the team has folded. Mike Nicholas, the South Wales chairman, said last night: We were ready for Super League and were given it only for it to be taken away. We have made certain proposals to the RFL to carry on developing the game, but only if they make us a special case for expansion."

The RFL might now put £250,000 earmarked for South Wales into development, Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, who had misgivings over the club's finance and playing strength, said: They felt that division one would be a halfway house and that people in South Wales want to watch the best or nothing. I'm personally disap-pointed because I was a big fan, but they still have plans to apply for Super League in 1998 or beyond."

The loss of South Wales means that II clubs will operate in both the first and second divisions, but an extended March i to October 5 season next year will incorporate a new play-off competition. The Super League fixture format will be determined by a court decision on Friday involving the Super League in Australia. Meanwhile, the RFL board of directors rejected an attempt by the lower division clubs to form their own marketing сотралу.

Karle Hammond scored three tries in a 42-16 defeat by Great Britain of a Fijian President's XIII in Lautoka yesterday, in pressing his claims for a place against Fiji on Saturday. Hammond also set up tries for Joey Hayes and Keith Senior.

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BASEBALL: TEXAS END 35 YEARS AMONG ALSO-RANS IN STYLE

## Orioles make flying start to play-offs

BY KEITH BLACKMORE

THE first round of baseball's divisional play-offs began 12 minutes late and then produced a string of surprises. The opening game of the post-season, between the Baltimore Orioles and Cleveland Indians, on Tuesday was held up as the umpires

belatedly agreed to officiate the game. Their union had threatened a strike if Roberto Alomar, the Orioles' second baseman, was allowed to escape immediate suspension for spitting at and insulting an umpire last Friday. At the eleventh

hour, they agreed to work pending a

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meeting to be held today. Alomar was the Texas Rangers, making their first allowed to play.

When the game did begin, it was the Orioles rather than the heavily-fancied Indians who made up for lost time. Brady Anderson, the Orioles lead hitter, who struck 50 home runs during the regular season, hit his 51st in his opening at bat, the thirteenth time he had done so in the first inning in 1996, and the Orioles never looked back. Surhoff homered twice and Bonilla hit a grand slam (a home run with the bases loaded) to give the Orioles a 10-4 victory in the first of the best-of-five series.

In the other American League play-off.

appearance in the play-offs in the 35 years since their formation, beat the New York Yankees in New York, 6-2. Juan Gonzalez and Dean Palmer hit the decisive home

To complete a day of surprises, the St Louis Cardinals beat the San Diego Padres 3-1 in the opening National League play-off in St Louis. Garry Gaetti scored all the Cardinals' runs in the first inning when he homered with two men on the bases. The other National League series pitches the Atlanta Braves against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The Lederer Memorial Trophy is the most prestigious invitation teams event in Great Britain. This hand won the best played

hand award for Glyn Liggins in the 1992 event. **⊕**K987 **VQJ6 +A7642** ÆJ **2Q32 ₹16987** VAK42 8 2 L G + S #Q109743 ₽AJ64 ₹53 ♦K53 **+**A652 Pass Pass

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queen of hearts. By now, dummy and East had nothing but hearts, and East had no option but to win and concede the last trick to dummy's jack of hearts. Well played, but declarer had certainly been helped by the bidding — if the opposition had been silent, he would no doubt have tried to set up an extra trick in hearts leading twice towards dummy's two honours. Liggins was the only declarer

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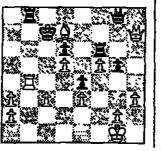


Fide election

In the election for the post of president of Fide, the world chess president of race an lederation, the incumbent Kirsan Ilumzinov, the colourful president of the autonomous Russian Repub of the autonomous Russian Reput-lic of Kalmykia, easily defeated his rival candidate, Sunye Neto, the Brazilian grandmaster. A third candidate, Bachar Kouatly, the French grandmaster, had earlier withdrawn.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is from the game Mason — Winawer, Vienna, 1882. In this position, White found a brilliant way to break the link between the black queen on g8 and the rook on b8. Can you



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row to play the hand.

to make Four Spades. The 1996 Lederer will be played at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 32 Barkston Gardens, Earls Court on October 12 and 13. Inquiries to Chris Duckworth on 0171-385 3534.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

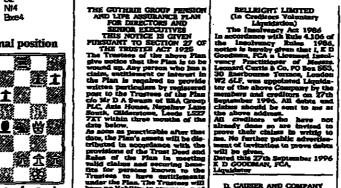
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**ATHLETICS** 

Gunnell

decides

on final

season

By David Powell ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT SALLY GUNNELL, whose

Olympic despair left her contemplating retirement, is to continue for one more year. Gunnell. Great Britain's former Olympic champion, world champion, and world

record-holder in the 400 me-

tres hurdles, is back in light

raining two months after her

Games ended in a wheelchair.

Gunnell began alternate day running before spending five days in Angola visiting

land-mine victims on behalf of

the Red Cross. She returned yesterday from Angola and

went direct to Birmingham for

the first board meeting of the

British Athletes' Association

(BAA), an organisation which

the British Athletic Federation

(BAF) welcomed last weekend

into a power-sharing

As well as helping to see

British athletics resolve its

political difficulties, Gunnell

s looking ahead to a full

indoor season before trying to

regain her world title in Ath

ens next summer. Then she

After completing a grand

lam of Olympic, world, Euro-

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itles, Gunnell suffered a foot

injury for which she needed

Having not raced over hurdles for 20 months, she entered the Olympic season determined to re-establish herself, but she pulled up in her Olympic semi-final with a torn

Gunnell had said she would

ne unlikely to continue if

further surgery were neces-

sary, but has been told that no

operation is necessary. "She

has been able to run without

pain," Jonathan Marks, her

manager, said yesterday. "She remains incredibly positive."

Gunnell was one of 14 international athletes at the

BAA meeting, held in the BAF

offices. The acrimony of last

year, when some athletes boy-

cotted BAF meetings, seemed

CRICKET

Sri Lanka

hunt for

new coach

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

SRI LANKA, holders of the

cricket World Cup, who have

lost their coach. Day

Whatmore, to Lancashire, are

to advertise "locally and inter-

nationally" for a successor, Upali Dharmadasa, the board president, said yesterday.

Although the board had not expected Whatmore to leave "at this stage", Dharmadasa emphasised that there had

been no ill feeling between Whatmore and Sri Lanka

The Australia captain,

Mark Taylor, looking forward

to his side's first Test for eight

months, against India in New

Delhi next week, said his

priority was to get the players

"out of one-day mind-set and into playing five-day cricket." Despite the absence of

Shane Warne, Taylor said he

was confident Australia were equipped to cope with any sort

of pitch India might provide. "We have four players who can bowl spin and if there is a

turning pitch I am sure we can

Brian Lara is the first recipi-

ent of the £10,000 Ceat international cricketer of the year award, sponsored by an India

tyre company. The runner-up

was Mark Waugh, of Australia. At the presentation, Lara said his immediate goal was to help the West Indies to do well

on their tour of Australia

apply pressure."

a thing of the past.

Achilles tendon.

will retire to start a family.

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## Clubs win struggle to postpone matches

By Russell Kempson

PERSISTENT lobbying of the Football League finally paid off yesterday when Nationwide League clubs were given the go-ahead to postpone matches if they have three or more players, at senior and

under-21 level, on internation-al duty. Charlton Athletic and Ipswich Town responded immediately by calling off their first division matches. against Barnsley and Swindon Town respectively, this

Previously, the rule covered only players involved in senior internationals. It meant that clubs with promising under-21 olavers, who were absent because of selection by their countries, had to field weakened teams for league matches. Many managers argued that it was ridiculous to differentiate between senior and under-21 players.

Don Goodman, the striker signed from Sunderland for El million by Wolverhampton Wanderers, is on the verge of making a comeback to competitive football less than six months after fracturing his skull in a clash of heads while playing against Huddersfield Town at Molineux on April 27. He has been given clearance to wear a protective headguard in a reserves match against Port Vale tomorrow.

"We were being penalised for being successful," Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, said. "Why shouldn't the same consideration be given to the under-21s as it is to senior players? Our under-21 players are our first-team players and even if we're missing only one of them, it hurts our side.

Until the new ruling yesterday, Charlton would have had to have played against Barnson Saturday Shaun Newton and Richard Rufus, who have been called up by England Under-21 for their match against Poland, and John Robinson, who will play for Wales in their World Cup qualifying tie against

Holland in Cardiff. After pressure from Curhishley and managers in similar positions, the Football League canvassed the first division clubs on their views.

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Though the vote was only narrowly in favour of extend-ing the rule to include under-2ls. Curbishley feels that the move, ultimately, should help

every club. "I gather there was a bit of opposition, but it could be their turn next," he said. "It's not as if we're talking about once a year, it's four or five times. There's also the question of denying our supporters the chance to see our best players. Having to postpone our game only three days before it was due to be played is not the best state of affairs, either, but at least the problem

has been addressed. George Burley, the Ipswich manager, also welcomed the move. For the game against Swindon, he would have lost James Scowcroft and Tony Vaughan, who are in the England Under-21 squad, and Claus Thomsen, who has been selected for Denmark's World Cup match against Greece next week. "It makes sense," he said. "We haven't got the biggest of squads and to be missing three players was just

Seven Nationwide fixtures have been postponed this week, due to international commitments, and the televised meeting between Crystal Palace and Sheffield United, at Selhurst Park on Sunday. could also be lost. Palace were initially prepared to play, even without Chris Day, Bruce Dyer and Ray Houghton — "We'll just get on with it," Dave Bassett, the Palace manager, said - but they have now had second thoughts, with Tony Scully called up for the Ireland Under-21 squad, Danny Boxall on standby for England Under-21s and Dougie Freedman also being considered for duty by Craig Brown, the Scotland coach. The League is expected to consider Palace's plight today.

week. Boddy Gould, the Wales manager, cheekily circumnavigated the old rule by promoting Lee Jarman, Scott Young and Patrick Mountain, the young Cardiff City trio, from the under-21 to the senior squad. It enabled Cardiff to call off their third division matches against Rochdale, on Tuesday, and Chester, on Saturday. Now, there should be no need for



Le Tissier rides Merson's tackle during yesterday's England training session at Bisham Abbey. Photograph: Ian Stewart. Report, page 48

### Walker guides Norwich to top

By Our Sports Staff

NORWICH City spent many a month regretting the depar-ture of Mike Walker from the manager's office at Carrow Road. It was a symptom of other problems at the club and the signal for a steady decline from the heady days of meeting and beating Bayern Mu-nich in the Uefa Cup. Now, however, Walker is back and an encouraging autumn in East Anglia is threatening to

develop into a full-blown

On Tuesday, Norwich went to the top of the Nationwide League first division courtesy of a 4-1 thumping of Grimsby rown, a res commendable because it was at Blundell Park, Grimsby. not at home. Darren Eadie scored their opener after just two minutes and though Ashley Fickling equalised four minutes later. Eadie promptly made it 2-1. Andy Johnson made it 3-1 on the half-hour and Keith O'Neill made it four nine minutes from the end. Grimsby may argue that the

Gary Childs for his second booking hardly helped them. but the points were wrapped

up long before then. Barnsley's I-I draw at lpswich Town denied them the chance to lead the division, while Crystal Palace's impressive charge up the table was slowed, if not quite halted, by their 2-2 draw at Portsmouth. Brentford continue to set the pace in the second division

and their 2-! win at Bristol City extended their lead to five points, Nicky Forster scoring a late winner at Ashton Gate. Carlisle United are the new leaders of the third division ted at Brunton Park, David Currie, David Reeves and Owen Archdeacon ensuring a 3-0 win. Fulham, who had been top, lost 2-1 at home to Torquay United, Garry Nelson scoring twice.

The youngest manager in the league, Steve Parkin, 30, saw a Scott Eustace goal earn his Mansfield Town side a I-I draw at Hull City with six minutes remaining.

### approach to Kanchelskis

EVERTON have protested to Fifa, the world governing body of football, about an alleged illegal approach by Fiorentina to Andrei Kanchelskis, their Russia interna-

tional winger. Alan Myers, a spokesman for the Goodison Park club, said yesterday that it had lodged an official complaint with Fifa over an attempt by an agent said to be acting for the Italian Cup-holders to contact Kanchelskis, 27.

Under Fifa rules, clubs and igents can only approach players about transfer deals during the final six months of their contracts. "Andrei's got contract and, as far as we're concerned, he'll be seeing them out," Myers said. Mark McGhee, the Wolverhampton Wanderers manager, is hoping to complete the

signing of a midfield player before the match with Reading at Molineux on Saturday. McGhee recently confirmed an interest in Craig Hignett, the Middlesbrough player valued at £750,000.

## Protest over Lee angry at being led up false trails

By Peter Ball.

once again gone up a blind alley in the search to end the club's problems. Last night Francis Lee, the City chairman, dismissed the latest attempted takeover, led by Mark Guterman, the Chester City chairman, as another false trail.

Although Guterman had cancelled Tuesday evening's press conference, he insisted that the bid was still alive. Lee took leave to doubt it. "I would say a takeover is nearly out of the question," Lee said, "although investment in the club

is still a possibility." manager still proving unsuccessful, Lee claimed that the supposed bids for the club were proving more of a hin-

drance than a help.
"I'm sick of all these guys
wasting my time," he said. "In
the past 12 to 18 months, so many people have supposedly been interested in the club, but not one of them has got it off the ground. These nonsensical propos-

MANCHESTER City have als take up so much time, and it's not funny any more. I haven't yet negotiated with anyone who is interested in buying. I am not surprised the fans are confused. All I can tell them is that most of it is nonsense.

The supporters confusion is exacerbated by City's failure to find a manager. Directors the board meeting on Tuesday were forced to turn to the B list, but the decision of Steve McMahon to sign a new five-year contract at Swindon presumably means that one of the leading names on that list

is no longer available.
"I would hope to hav manager in place before our game with Oueens Park Rangers a week on Saturday," Lee said. "Negotiations are progressing."

Good news for City fans yesterday was that Georgi Kinkladze told Lee that he was happy to remain at Maine Road. The club is still waiting to hear if Everton intend to increase their bid for Uwe Rösler, their German striker.



### 42nd-minute dismissal of such manoeuvres. Holland can bounce back from Euro 96



Gullit optimistic

HOLLAND'S bewildering ability to self-destruct before and during leading tournaments is legendary. Many a promising Dutch campaign has been wrecked by internal strife between coach and players or between the players themselves. This time, as Holland prepare for their opening World Cup qualifying group seven match against Wales in Cardiff on Saturday, it will be different.

Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea playermanager, believes the lessons of Euro % have been learnt and that Holland will re-emerge a stronger, more harmonious unit. He feels that Guus Hiddink, the Holland coach, has stabilised the ship and is still the best man for an often turbulent job.

-1 always felt Guus would do well and I've no reason to change that

Ruud Gullit believes the once-divided Dutch are ready

for a return to better days. Russell Kempson reports

up the difficulties, there is a different attitude now and there are no

"There appeared to be two factions among the players during Euro 96, but those were more problems within the clubs that were brought into the national team. They have been re-solved. Nobody thinks negatively any more; it is a fresh start and everyone will go for it."
Gullit, 34, was no stranger to

controversy during his international career, which ended two years ago after 65 caps and 16 goals. He frequently fell out with Leo opinion," Gullit said. "He has cleared Beenhakker and Dick Advocaat,

Hiddink's predecessors, and walked out on the Dutch squad before the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States. "Some players felt they had more

power than others," Gullit said, recalling past Dutch conflicts. "Some wanted to play one way, some wanted to play another. There was no one to tell them to shut up and do it for the team." Hiddink replaced Advocaat, but, dur-

ing Euro 96, he sent home Edgar Davids, the former Ajax midfield player, now with AC Milan, for making critical comments about his team selection. There were also rumours of racial tension amid the multicultural squad. Gullit senses all is now well, illustrated by Holland's recent 2-2 draw against Brazil, and that the 4-1 defeat by England during the European championship finals was "just an accident". He said: "There is no longterm damage. If we played England again, I think we would beat them." He predicts a victory against Wales, too, though he conceded that it is often awkward when playing against the 'so-called smaller teams".

It was an opinion that did not meet particular favour with Eddie Niedzwiecki, Gullit's reserve-team coach at Stamford Bridge. Niedzwiecki, a former Wales goalkeeper, who won two caps in the 1980s, said: "There is an arrogance about the Dutch team that perhaps we can knock out of them. We might be a small nation, but we have a big heart. We'll get stuck into them and see how they like it."

Hiddink: in control

RUGBY UNION: FINANCIAL INCENTIVES REGARDED AS WAY OF KEEPING EMERGING TALENT FROM GOING TO ENGLAND

## Ireland moves to halt exodus

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IN A week when three of Ireland's four provinces have still to hear whether English clubs will release players for Heineken Cup duty later this month, the efforts of the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) to keep more of its players at home will strike a chord with competition. supporters in clubs up and

down the country.

The union is considering contracting around 100 players and, in particular, hopes to convince the next generation that it has a future in Ireland. The Irish Schools, possibly the most consistently successful area of representative rughy over the years, went unbeaten on a nine-match tour to Australia during the summer, and every member of that squad has been contacted by the

union about his future. It is possible that bursaries would be made available to those contemplating higher IRFU would like to paint a president, declared roundly

brighter picture than the gloomy prognosis offered after virtually the entire senior squad accepted contracts before this season to play in England. This will hinge on the finance being available not only for player contracts but also to organise new levels of

When the union meets next month, it will consider the introduction of an All-Ireland cup competition, and a crosshorder competition involving Scottish and Irish clubs, the latter an experiment tried two years ago at provincial level with no obvious benefits. If such tournaments are to be successfully run, however, the IRFU will look hard at the mistakes made in England and Wales this season, and also the integration with domestic competitions run in the

other home unions and Bobby Deacy, the IRFU that the aim was "the attraction of Irish players back from England and the retention of talented young players". The union believes such an objective to be realistic, given the effective combination of remuneration, a meaningful fixture list and quality, co-ordinated

Prosecutors in Scotland yesterday ordered a police inquiry into an incident in the second division match between Kelso and Edinburgh Academicals last Saturday, during which Craig Halliday, the Kelso prop forward, had his jaw broken in two places, apparently by a punch.

coaching. In addition, it is believed that each province will need a professional management team, so as to ensure that best use is made of all "It is fully accepted that clubs at all levels are under financial pressure," Deacy said. The union has already given a commitment to increasing the current level of assistance for clubs." The IRFU will put forward new funding arrangements before November 17, when it is due to meet club and provincial branch representatives

☐ Henry Hurley, the Ireland prop, will miss Moseley's second division game with Richmond on Saturday because of his wife's recent miscarriage. Hurley was expected to make his debut for Moseley, whom he joined from Old Wesley in the summer. "We've told him to come back when he can think about rugby again." Mark Anscombe, the Moseley director of rugby, said. This is going to take them a long time to get over and this sort of thing puts rugby into

### ENGLAND'S top four clubs. preparing for their entry into

Europe within the next fortnight, are likely to reveal their playing hand with their selections for the Courage Clubs Championship matches on Saturday — the last for the first division clubs until October 30 because of the demands of the Heineken Cup.

"When we get into Europe, then you will see what our best XV is," Richard Best, director of rugby at Harlequins, said last month and Brian Ashton, coach to Bath, concurs. "We will be aiming for more consistency in terms of who plays, week in and week out, rather than playing on a squad basis," he said, though the demands of too many competitions have tested Bath's squad to the limit.

Some of their younger players, and two of their rugby league acquisitions, learnt the hard way in the 10-10 draw with Llanelli at Stradey Park squad which some of the

BY DAVID HANDS

Europe ties sway selection

on Tuesday in the ill-fated Anglo-Welsh tournament. The Welshmen, themselves stricken by representative calls and injuries, played with spirit and forced errors out of Henry Paul, playing at full back, that were the result of lack of familiarity with rugby union laws.

The talented Wigan back chased a ball from an offside position, which allowed Frano Botica, on his debut for Llanelli, a successful kick at goal. Paul also knocked a ball into touch close to his own line. In rugby league he would be permitted to do both but on Tuesday he paid the penalty which is the risk run by any club that chooses to

buy in league players. Bath, at least, are paying the new tournament the compliment of fielding worthwhile XVs though, again. their financial situation allows them depth to their underfunded Welsh clubs cannot afford. "If you enter a competition, you have a moral obligation to play a strong side." Ashton said. "It's not only disappointing to hear that clubs can't raise

sides in this day and age, it's unprofessional. There are repercussions outside the competition itself: it means that some clubs will not have the hefty programme they might have envisaged and can rest players while others might be playing certain individuals three times in eight days." □ Henley, unbeaten in fourth-division south this season, have raised the prizemoney for their Glenryck sevens tournament in May to £25,000. The sponsoring company has agreed a further five-year term and is aiming for it to become one of the

biggest tournaments on the

world circuit; last season all

but one of the English first

division clubs entered teams.

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which starts next month.

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## Cassan and **Sparticus** fight off the challenge

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TTNA CASSAN gained the most rewarding win since her second Queen Elizabeth II Cup victory in 1993 when she won the SGC Scaffolding grade C championship, the main event of yesterday afternoon at the Horse of the Year Show, on Sparticus,

In an auspicious start to the five-day show at Wembley. Cassan, from Sparsholt, near Wantage, also took third place on Finchpalm Fujyama. The two horses were separated by Mark Armstrong, a member of the silver medal-winning Great Britain team at the 1993 European championships, on the six-year-old, Iwan.

Cassan, 31, was propelled to the forefront of the sport on Genesis, owned by the late Fred Brown, on which she won the 1992 Queen Elizabeth II Cup. When Brown died three years ago, the horse was sold to the United States leaving Cassan without an international ride.

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In Sparticus, an eight-yearold by Dutch Courage owned by Amanda O'Gorman, and Finchpalm Fujyama, a mare of the same age, she is confident that she now has two international propects. "There's nothing to choose between them," Cassan said.

Sparticus went first in the three-horse jump-off and recorded a fluent clear round in 29.12sec. Armstrong, who is hoping Iwan will replace his former top horse, Corelia, who died of colic shortly after the 1993 European championships, took a short cut after

fence two but the young horse wasted time in the air with his enormous jump and finished in a time of 31.04sec. After a pause while Cassan warmed up her second ride, she com-pleted a second clear round but finished just outside Armstrong's time to take third

Earlier Sarah Marshall, 14. from Ongar in Essex, who is competing at Wembley for the first time, left her more experienced rivals in the shade when she and Miami Blaze won the Squibb and Davies junior foxhunter championship by a margin of 1.39sec.

In a thrilling seven-horse jump-off against the clock. Marshall, who appeared to have brought most of her family and friends to cheer her on, produced an elegant clear round in 26.73sec. "I thought at first I might go for a slow clear round, but Steven said I was to go as fast as I could," she said, referring to her trainer, Steven Smith, the son of Harvey and an Olympic team silver medal-winner at the Los Angeles Olympics.

Unlike many of the riders, Marshall, who had taken three days off from St John's School in Epping in order to prepare for the competition, has only one pony. Miami Blaze, an eight-year-old, was bought from a local dealer after being spotted at the Towerlands Equestrian Centre. "She's very quick sometimes almost too quick," Marshall said.

Grace Barton, 16, defending



Barton, the winner last year, has a fence down in the junior foxhunter event

shall most feared, dropped out of contention when the spirited Grey Spartan incurred 11 faults in the jump-off. Richard Robinson and Welsh Treasure lost their chance with an expensive refusal at the last fence. Angelina Moore, the last to go on the aptly-named

P J Grease Lightning, gave Marshall some anxious moments as they flew round the six-fence course but finished just outside the winning time to take second place.

Emma Edwards, at 20 a seasoned Wembley campaign-er, continued her successful season when she and Wood-

lands Clover won the Toggi Wager speed class from a field of 61. Edwards, who went third and then had a nailbiting wait as she watched successive riders attempt to match her time, has been trained by the showjumper. Andy Austin, since she was **BOXING** 

### McCracken sidesteps world title challenge

ROBERT McCRACKEN has been offered a world title bout with Bernard Hopkins, the World Boxing Association (WBA) middleweight champion. Even though McCracken is the WBA No 2 contender. his manager, Mickey Duff, is in no hurry to accept, for Hopkins is a formidable opponent.

Duff would prefer to put McCracken in first against Alexander Zaitzev, of Russia, for the European title. Zaitzev should have met Neville Brown on Tuesday but the Derby man had to cry off with a back injury. If the injury again gets in the way of a bout with the Russian, the European Boxing Union would almost certainly order Zaitzev to meet McCracken.

Duff said: "With the European belt, McCracken has an excellent chance of moving up to No I in the rankings and as mandatory challenger we'll be able to get more money."

Both McCracken and Duff had hoped to take an easier route to a world title by challenging Lonnie Bradley, the World Boxing Organisation champion, and had started talks, but Frank Warren, the rival promoter, got in first and secured a bout for his own man, Cornelius Carr.

McCracken, though, has an injury. He damaged his elbow and his trainer, Paddy Lynch, said the boxer had to stop training the week before the defence, on Tuesday, of his Commonwealth title against Fitzgerald Bruney, of Canada. "He could not lift his arm on Saturday," Lynch said. "And we thought we would have to

call off the fight with Bruney." In the circumstances, it was not a bad effort by McCracken on Tuesday to outpoint by ten rounds to one the slippery Canadian, who had pushed him close 11 months ago.

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### Gooch withdraws from A team tour

GRAHAM GOOCH yesterday pulled out of the England A cricket tour to Australia. The former England and Essex captain, who was due to coach the 15-strong squad on the seven-week tour which starts on October 23, withdrew because his father, Alf, is ill.

He has been replaced by Mike Gatting, the Middlesex and former England captain, who will work alongside David Graveney, the tour manager. Tim Lamb, the Test and County Cricket Board's chief executive elect, said: "Obviously it is unfortunate for Graham, but we are lucky to have someone to take his place of similar calibre and international experience.

Gooch was forced to retire unbeaten on 170 during Essex's final county championship match of the season against Glamorgan at Chelmsford last month to visit his father in hospital. Gooch, 43, finished the season as the country's leading batsman with 1,944 runs.

### Black strikes double

ATHLETICS: Roger Black and Denise Lewis have been voted Britain's athletes of the year by the British Athletics Writers' Association. Black, who won silver medals in the 400 metres and the 4 x 400 metres relay at the Olympic Games, previously won the award in 1986. Lewis, who won an Olympic bronze medal in the heptathlon, is the first woman from the multi-events to win since Mary Peters

became Olympic champion in 1972. Black was also voted Europe's eighth-best male athlete yesterday, with another Briton, Jonathan Edwards, the triple jump silver medal-winner at Atlanta, voted fifth-best. Jan Zelezny, the javelin thrower from the Czech Republic, won the Waterford Crystal European athlete of the year award: Svetlana Masterkova, the Russian middle-distance runner, won the women's prize.

### Uzielli has title in sight

GOLF: Angela Uzielli could hardly be better placed to win the British women's senior open championship for a fifth time at Pyle and Kenfig today. Uzielli goes into the third and final round eight strokes clear of her nearest challenger, Valerie Hassett, of Ireland. Uzielli put together a round of 75 yesterday for a three-over-par total of 147 and although Hassett, four strokes adrift overnight, reduced the deficit to two at the par-five 5th hole, where she took a four to Uzielli's six, she faltered over the back nine, with double bogeys at the 12th and 13th holes, for a round of 79.

### Lola ready to power up

MOTOR RACING: Lola, the racing car production company that helped Nigel Mansell to the 1993 IndyCar title, is to take on Formula One's top engine manufacturers. The Cambridge-based firm is embarking on a £10 million project to rival Peugeot, Ferrari and Mercedes. Lola is considering whether to return to Formula One next season. This engine project will remove any dependence on thirdparties," Eric Broadley, their founder said. Lola cars have won the Indianapolis 500 three times and the IndyCar championship on five occasions.

### Wales stage fightback

HOCKEY: Wales restored much of their pride in their third match in the men's World Cup preliminary tournament at Cagliari, Sardinia, coming from behind to force a 1-1 draw with New Zealand. Wales proved more than a match for New Zealand despite being without David Hacker, the suspended captain, and were unfortunate to trail to a goal by Umesh Parag at half-time. Paul Edwards equalised for Wales with the first short corner of the game seven minutes after the restart.

### Charterhouse target

GOLF: Charterhouse, eight times winners of the Grafton Morrish Trophy, will have their sights set on a tenth appearance in the final of the annual Public Schools Old Boys' Golf Association tournament when they face RGS Worcester in the first round at Hunstanton, Norfolk, tomorrow. Repton, the holders, have a bye to the second round where they face Uppingham. Repton beat Charterhouse in the quarter-finals last year and went on to defeat KCS Wimbledon in the final.

GOLF: LEADING PLAYERS TURN THEIR THOUGHTS TOWARDS QUALIFICATION FOR EUROPE TEAM

## Johansson makes his point on Ryder Cup selection

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Per-Ulrik Johansson won the Smurfit European Open near Dublin on Sunday, he deflected attention from the race between Colin Montnd Ian W race is nearly run, with Montgomerie £143,348 ahead of the Welshman and very likely to win for a fourth successive year. It would be a remarkable upset if he failed.

So now thoughts can be switched to issues such as the composition of the Europe team for the Ryder Cup next year, and in this regard Johansson did himself no harm at all in Ireland. His victory there moved

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him up to fifth in the points table. a strong-willed, ambitious golfer who 1985 Masters. Langer, 39 last August, bringing another dimension to the German Masters, which starts near Berlin today.

How Johansson and the other leading European players are doing in this table is going to be one of the 1996 European order of merit. That Country Club over the next four days, as well as at every other event held until the end of August next year. At that point the leading ten players in the table will be selected automatically for the team to compete against the United States a month later and two more will be chosen by Severiano Ballesteros, the team captain.

It was good for Ballesteros that Johansson won because the Swede is

competed in the Ryder Cup last year. His eighth place in the US PGA two months ago has earned him a place in the same event next year, as well as the Masters, so he has made sure of rigorous competition against not just best in the world. Victory in Dublin helped him to rise 20 places in the world rankings to No 52.

Competitors at golf events in Germany face an added difficulty: Bernhard Langer almost always does very well in such events. Were Langer to win this week it would be his tenth victory in his native country. He has also been runner-up twice in this event, which he started in honour of his own victory in the

hardly needs challenges but when they are presented he usually The challenge at this event in 1991,

for example, was to rehabilitate himself after the trauma of missing Europe to tie with the United States in the Ryder Cup at Kiawah Island. Langer answered in the most resounding way by winning after a play-off. His task now is to maintain his sequence of having won an event on the European Tour every year since 1979. So far this year he has not

him succeeding this week simply because of his iron will. Last year the Motzener See course.

Eastwood Hanley 2 Yaushall GM 1; Maine Road 5 Selford 2: Nentwich 1 Mossley 2: NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Hatfield Main 2 Shelf-

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done so. The odds must be short on

which is 35 miles from Berlin, yielded some astonishing scores. Russell Claydon had 12 birdies in one round and was 17 under par after 36 holes, both achievements equalling the record for the European Tour. Langer chipped in at the 11th in his final last six holes in an attempt to catch Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden. He eventually finished second.

It is doubtful if there will be such low scoring again this year. Fairways have been narrowed in the areas where drives will land and a strip of semi-rough has been added between the fairway and the rough. Johansson will be hoping to continue his good form. He finished fourth here last year, 19 under par.

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SPANSSH LEAGUE: Attético Madrid 3 Heroules 0; Real Madrid 2 Español 0

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Aberavon 21 Llandovery 3; Blackwood 7 Cardiff Institute 15, Maesleg 7 Bonymaen 11; Pontypool 19 Abenitiery 8; South Wates Police 7 Cross Keys 23; Ystradgynlas 13 Aberonne 3 Abercynon 3 UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP. North Midlands 32 Notes, Lines and North Midlands 32 Norts, Lines and Dorbyshire 14. SCHOOLS MATCH: Oundle 15 Bedford NOTTINGHAM: Satellite tournament (GB unless stated). Men: First round: R Koeng (SA) bit C Beecher 6-1, 6-4; D Draper bit 7 Dalby 7-5, 6-2; F Roval (Swe) bit A Foster 2-1 ret. T Spinks bit D Belcher 6-1, 6-0; C Wilkinson bit D Ward 6-2, 6-2, M Wyeth bit N Warts 6-3, 6-3; O Fukurek (C2) bit S Pendor 6-4, 6-4 Women: First round: J Lutrova (Russ) bit K Roubanova 6-2, 7-6: H Matthews bit V Daves 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; LAN bit 7 Samara 6-4, 6-7, 7-6; E Bond bit A Lindsbotk (Swe) 7-6, 5-6, 6-4; H Crook bit 7 Choudhury 6-4, 6-4. S Finer (Swe) bit J Dewson 7-5, 6-3.

LEIPZIG: Women's tournament (selected results) Second round: S Graf (Gor) to K Po (US) 6-0, 6-1, A Huber (Ger) to fi Dragomar (Romanie) 6-1, 6-1 Uragomer (Romanie) 6-1, 6-1 LYONS: Men's tournament: First round: Y El Aynaou, (Mor) bit W Fentera (SA) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, A Chesnolvo (Russ) bit R Futish (I) 6-2, 6-1, M Rox (Chile) bit A Redutesto (Gerl 4 6, 6-4, 7-6, M Such (Gor) bit J Hassek (Switz) 7-6, 6-2, T Henman (GB) bit G Forget (Fr) 6-4, 6-2

### RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

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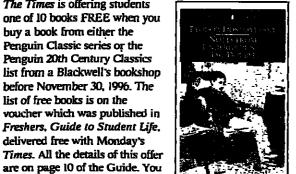
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BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE: Play-offs: Balamore 10 Claveland 4 (Balamore lead best-of-live sense 1-0); Texas 8 New York 2 (Texas lead 1-0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: SI Louis 3 San Diego

BASKETBALL EUROPEAN CUP: Group H: London Towers 61 (Curangham 16, Austin 15, Hooks 11) PTT Ankara (Tur) 72 (Girgin 21, Winslow 18, Pindar 14).

BOXING ASTON VILIA LESURE CENTRE, Birmingham: Commonwealth middleweight chemponship: Robert McCracken (Birmingham, holder) bir Rizgeadd Bruney (Can) pts Welterweight. Spencer McCracken (Birmingham) bit Donny Chacce (Crawley) rel 3rd md Feather: Dond Mons (Caroll) bit Danny Thomas (Tellord) pts Culser Robert Monon (Stouthtidge) bit Andrew Berson (Mile End) rac 6th md. Welter: Common Reasted Rikestone) bit John Hamson (Phymouth) pts Light: Robbe Snyer (Chesterield) bit Smon Frailing (Hayes) pts. Light-welter: Mark Richards (Wendsbury) bit Cray Hanwell (Rugby) pts.

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PAKISTAN Saeed Anwar c Otieno b M Suji Salm Bah b Odoyo Ijaz Ahmed Ibw b M Suji ... Rama Raja b Odoyo Salim Melik b T Sun ... Saeed Azad b Odoyo Mon Khan not out Moin Khan not out Seglen Mushtag not out . . . Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 4, er 6) . . Total (Swids, 40.2 overs) . Shehid Afridi, Waqar Younis and Shehid Nazir did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS, 1-39, 2-45, 3-48, 4-52, 5-51, 6-115. BOMUNG: M Sup 10-0-42-2: E Odumbe 2-0-13-0: Odoyo 10-2-25-3; Kenm 10-1-32-0; M Odumbe 4-1-12-0; 7 Suji 4-2-2-16-1

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**EQUESTRIANISM** WEMBLEY ARENA: Horse of the Year Show; Toggi Wager: 1. Woodlands Clover (E Edwards) clear round, 42.82sec; 2. Gold Horzon I, Lewe) clear, 43,71: 3. Celto Hero (P Crago) clear, 43,93.

FOOTBALL

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Eyresbury 0 Blackstone 3, Holbeach 0 Spading 2, Newport Pagnell 1 Long Buckby 3; Stamford 4 Bourne 3; S end L Corby 3; Boston 3; Stotlodd 4 Cogenhoo 1; Wellingbornough 1 Kenpaston 2. UNILET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Anundel 3 Burgess Hill 1; Langney Sports 5 Peaceltaven and felscombo 1; Pangmer 0 Earsbourne Town 0, Shoreham 4 Mile Cult 1; Southweck 3 Portfield 1 SCREWIPK DIFFECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Assmitagio 7 Elmore 0, Cod Down 0 Choppenham 0; Paulton 1 Tworton 2 FRENCH LEAGUE: Le Havre 0 Lens 0, GERMAN CUP: Walchof Meannhaim 9 SC Tuesday's late results

Tuesday's late results

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Oldram 1 West Borm 1; Portsmouth 2
Crystal Pelace 2; Southend 3 Shoff Utd 2;
Trannere 0 Oxford Utd 0, Second division:
Bournerrouth 0 Walsall 1; Bristol Cdy 1
Brentlord 2; Bury 1 Burnley 0; Chesterfield 2
Shrewsbury 1; Crewe 3 Blackpool 2;
Gillingham 1 Notis County 0; Phymouth 1
Peterborough 1; Walford 1 Proston 0,
Wycombe 4 Rotherham 2; York 2 Bristol
Rovers 2; Thirt division: Barner 1 Scarborough 3, Brighten 1 Lincoln 3, Camborough 3, Brighten 1 Lincoln 3, Cambridge Utd 5 Derfregon 2 Corticle 3
Colchester 0, Chester 2 Northampton 1;
Doncaster 2, Hartlepool 1, Futhorn 1
Torquay 2; Hereford 3 Scunthoppe 2; Hull 1
Mansfield 1; Leyton Onent 1 Swanzea 0;
Wigan 2 Ereiter 0
VALDHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 1
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WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-finals: Carrick 1 Limited 4, Distribery 1 Portadown 3, Glantoran 4 Colerane 0.

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LOSS LEAGUE: First division: Abington
Town 2 Workington 1; Worthing 10 Ubbridge
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Newcastle Going; good to firm Comp. goods of STAWAWAY (R. Cochreno. 2-1): 2, Kataf (K. Darley, B-1), 3, Our People d. Wiczer. 12-11 ALSO RAN: 4-5 for Recourse (5th), 5 ink Pot (4th), 10 Talib (5th) 5 can AR: Marwel 41, 14, 14, 11, 11 and M Jovits of Newmarkot Tota (2-30, £1 s0, C3 00 DF (2-5 S0, CSF £18 95 C3 00 DF (2-5 S0, CSF £18 95) C3 00 DF £26 50. CSF £18 96 2.00 (71) 1. JULIETTA MIA (J. D. Smith. 11-4), 2. Going For Broke (J. Fortuno, 9-4 law), 3. Zorba (D. McKoowin, 13-2), ALSO RAN 11-4 in Good Nick (5th), 12 Wildmoor, 14 Don'l Worry Mike (4th), 25 Maxemma (6th), 33 Worry Mike (4th), 25 Maxemma (6th), 33 Worry Mike (4th), 25 Maxemma 1-4 (1, 1-4), 4, 8, 134 B Hills at Lamboum. 1ce £3 40, £1 60, £1 60, £1 90 DF-£4,60 The £19 80 CSF £94 88

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3.00 (61) 1. DANETINE (R. Cochrano, 6-4); 2. Indian Brave, L. Weaver, 7-2); 3. Kurnati (W. Ryon, 10-11 fav). ALSO RAN. 25. Kalausson (4th), 100 Helto Therr (5th). 5 ran. 19-1, 191, 239. (hd. N. Callaghan et Newmarket, 10-te: 12-30. 51.10. 51.20. DF 64.50 CSF-57.39. namer 10se: 12 st. 110, 1120 DF 44 50 CSF 57 39 3.30 (1m) 1, MONTONE (Dr M Mannish, 10-1); 2, Challey Dancer (Mr P Close, 11-2; 3 Sir Arthur Hobbs (Mr V Lukarruk, 5-1); ALSO RAN: 5-2 lev Murphy's Gold, 9-2 Thatched, 6 Nizasi (4th), 10 Arak, 16 Seconds Alway (6th), 20 Great Bear, Longierean (50h), 33 Peacothal Reply, 11 van 1'41, 9, 11, 14, hd. J. Jenkins at Royston, Tota 112 40, 122 60, 53.40, 12 70 DF 558 60 Trio 1234 70 CSF 165 37 Tricasi 1258 34. 4.00 (7th, 1, DMINE QUEST (W Ryan, 11-10 tay), 2, Maston Pend (J. Weaver, 6-4); 3, Knotty Hill (J. Fortune, 14-1), ALSO RAN's Groon Bopper (4th) 4 ran, Nk, 1+4, 6, H Good at Newmarket, Tota 51 80, DF: 121 20 CSF 53 10.

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RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE biggest gambles at Newmarket this week are taking

place outside the betting ring.

Buyers on the opening day of

Yearling Sales sent average

prices to a European record of

122,228 guineas — while a

hefty sum saw Bahamian

Bounty transferred from the

ownership of Edward St

George to Maktoum Al-

The sales purchasers must

wait until next year before

rawing if their speculative

restments pay off, but the

Bahamian Bounty, bought

Deauville in August when he

defeated Zamindar and Pas

boosted when Pas De Reponse

won the Cheveley Park Stakes

at Newmarket on Tuesday

and Bahamian Bounty has

been pleasing David Loder in

Easycall, who beat Comp-

ton Place in the Flying Chil-

ders Stakes at Doncaster, is

the pick of the opposition on

his recent homework.

The value of that form was

De Reponse.

1.30 Loki

2.00 Courtship

2.35 Meliksah

TRAINERS

4.50 SHINING CLOUD (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

(£4,110: 1m 4f) (18 runners)

Maktoum.

Tattersalls Houghton

RACING

Bahamian Bounty

return on purchase

TODAY'S RACES

ON TELEVISION

form, although Loder should

have a line to Brian Meehan's

colt as Abou Zouz beat Comp-

ton Place in the Gimcrack

his last three starts, is pro-

gressing well, while In Com-

mand, second to Bahhare in

the Champagne Stakes at

Doncaster, merits consider-

auon. However, Bahamian

Bounty is taken to win his

The best bet of the day

comes an hour earlier in the

Baileys Horse Feeds Nursery

(2_35) when the Peter Walwyn-

trained Hattab looks a sound

Returned to the minimum

trip at Haydock four weeks

ago after failing to see out six furlongs on two earlier starts,

the Marju colt won comfort-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HATTAB

(2.35 Newmarket)

Next best: Bahamian Bounty

(3.40 Newmarket)

second group one race.

proposition.

NEWMARKET

3.05 Croft Pool 3.40 Hurricane State

4,15 Restructure

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

4.50 SHINING CLOUD (nap)

THUNDERER

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Courtship. 4.15 El Penitents.

RETTING: 5-2 Kasim Homm, 4-1 Labi, 6-1 Ono E Mezzo, State Approval, 7-1 Once More For Lust, 8-1 Dometies, 1995: DANJING 3-9-6 T Oving (6-4 ke/) P Cole 16 van

FORM FOCUS

KAAFIH HUMM 2% 2 and to Rousenbaine or race at Sandown (1m 2), good) CNDC MORE FOR LUCK 21 4th to Far Ahead in handrap at Thursh (1m 4, good to farm). DONE 1741 4th to Ear Life in handrap at Thursh (1m 4, good to farm) SHABANAZ 5441 6th to El Bardador in seller at Yamouth (1m 2), good to farm) DONE(TIES 3 2nd 15 to Tan in handrap at Sandown (1m 3) 919d, good to farm). Selection: KAAFIH HOMBIE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Pal Eddery D R McCabe W R Swirthum L Deston Cane O'Neill J Weaver

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 LOKI.

1.30 PORT OF FELIXSTOWE CLAIMING STAKES

Indian Rocket, the winner of

Stakes at York.

ably in a decent time. The

subsequent successes of third placed Caution at Ayr and fourth placed Danetime at

Newcastle yesterday gives the

The JRA Nakayama Rous

Stakes (3.05) looks tricky. Less

than a length separated Anzio.

Brave Edge, Croft Pool and

Blue Iris at Doncaster 22 days

ago and the form could easily

be reversed on similar terms.

Brave Edge should appreciate today's stiffer track and is a

tentative choice to come out on

Phantom Quest was ex-pertly handled by Pat Eddery when winning at Newbury 12

days ago but the Rainbow

Quest colt is not an easy ride

and could be outbattled at the

finish of the Joel Stakes (4.15).

Restructure takes a significant

drop in class after competing

in group company and holds

However, Yeast can be for-

given a moderate run at Baden-Baden five weeks ago

when William Haggas's run-

ner was not suited by the tight

bends. The winner of the

Victoria Cup and Royal Hunt

Cup, both at Ascot, should

appreciate the return to a

☐ Tycoon Todd, owned by

Edward St George and

trained by David Loder, has

also been bought for a sub-

stantial sum by Sheikh Mo-

hammed. The two-year-old

was an impressive winner of a

16-runner maiden at York last

month, his only start.

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straight mile.

form a solid look.

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senior member of the Maktoum family will discover the worth of his gamble this at Tattersalls sales last year for 45,000 guineas by Charlie Gordon-Watson on behalf of St George's Lucayan Stud, will probably be sent off favourite for the Middle Park Stakes (Channel 4, 3.40) after his group one success at

2205

### can't get enough of it." Misrule, trained by John Gosden, was also sent off a 7-2 chance and won just as comfortably as Kristal Breeze, beating Sweet Wilhelmina and Just Millie by four lengths and 212

Kristal Breeze's owner, Steve

Lamb, said: "This is my first horse

and it is a great thrill to give Frankie

nine winners on the all-weather,

added: "I hope I keep riding a

hundred winners a season until I'm

old and grey. Racing is my life and I

his hundredth winner with it." Dettori, whose century includes

### WESTLEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £7,515: 71) (17 runners)

D Harrison

CLARR (C Downer) R Amistrong 9-0 R Price

RED GLARD 15 (A Oppenheimen) G Wagg 9-0 M Hills

RESAL THURDER (Mr. R Sanit) M Stock 9-0 K Darley

SALSE LAD (Mr. Philippe) J Farstman 9-0 M Day

SOCIAL PILLAR 26 (K Abdulla) J Socien 9-0 L Deltor

SPY (NOIL (J Richmand-Welson) M Stock 9-0 J Head

NESALSE LAD (Mr. Confine) L Socien 9-0 L Deltor

stop, 7-2 Mashbarr, 6-1 Andron Pete, 7-1 Social PSKar, Regal Thumber, 8-1 Spy Knoti, 12-1

SPY KNOLL (J. Richmond-Walson) M. Stoate 9 UNSHAKEN (W. Gredley) J. Fansbawe 9-0 WONDERBOY (Fennay Ltd) R. Alleburst 9-0...

1995; ASTOR PLACE 9-0 J Reld (3-1 lay) P Chapple-Hyam 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

of 10 to Tarski in maider at Sandorer (71, good to firm). UNSHANCH firm). COURTISHIP (April 28). Brother by Groom Dencer to high class 61 firm performer Pursuit 01 PLLAR 51 2nd of 7 to Apprehension in maiden at Haydock (71, good in firm). Selection: SOCIAL PILLAR

1995; LUNAR MIST 8-2 P Fessey (5-2 tav) M Mezde 11 rap FORM FOCUS

MELICSAH beat Tailwand ½i in 5-numer handicap at Newbury (5), good in firm)

HATTAB beat Frustana 3191 in 14-numer madeen at Haydock (5), good) with ARDIKATU (18th belter off) 14½1 14th. TOP OF THE FORM 21 3rd of 11 in Frustia The Fierce in handicap at Goodwood (5), good) with BRAMSHE BEAR (10th better off) 31 5th. CHANCE 51 2rd of 12 in Farewell My Love in seltar at Goodwood (6), good). SWIFT 9341 7th of 14 in Field 11 in LAST CHANCE 51 2rd of 12 in Farewell My Love in seltar at Goodwood (6), good). Selection: TOP OF THE FORM

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Market Resen: 2 10 Circulation Newmarket: 2.35 Changed To Baileys, Taumton: 1 50 General Mouktar. 2.20 On The Ledge 3.25 Harlequin Walk.

2.35 BALLEYS HORSE FEEDS NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-0: £7,570: 51) (9 runners)

BY OUR RACING STAFF

FRANKIE Dettori rode his hun-

dredth winner of the season on the

William Muir-trained Kristal Breeze

in the Steyning Handicap at Brigh-

ton yesterday, and wasted no time in completing a double with Misrule in

the Eastbourne Limited Stakes. It is

the jockey's fifth century of winners

in succession.

After I had broken my elbow on

June 13 I thought I was never going to

reach a century, but I made a quick

recovery and now I'm on top of the

world. Although this is not the

2.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS Bacecard number. Draw in brachets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — publed up. U — unscaled rider. B — brought down. S — shipped up. R — referred D — disqualified). Horse: name. Days since last outing: J if jurges. F if Rat. (B — benkers. V — wsor. H — hood. E — Eyesthéd. C — coatse winner. D — distance wanner. CD —

difficult.

course and distance warmer BF—peaten lavourite in latest race). Song on which house has won (F — farm, good to farm, hand G — good. S — soil, good to soil, heavy) Owner in brackets. Teaner Age and weight. Alder plus any altimance The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

on one of my two mounts for the by 32 lengths and five lengths.

Kristal Breeze, the 7-2 favourite for the Steyning Handicap at Brighton yesterday, carries Dettori to his hundredth winner of the season

Dettori completes century on Kristal Breeze

worldwide.'

his accident.

### 3.05 JRA MAKAYAMA ROUS STAKES

(Listed race: £10.972: 5f) (7 runners) 

SETTING: 9-4 Blue Inc., 7-2 Ancio. Croll Pool. 4-1 Brane Edge, 8-1 Easy Dollar, 10-1 Ye Malain, 50-1 Music Gold

1995: DARRIGES DELIGHT 5-8-10 L Delion (100-30) M Cuminoham 9 far FORM FOCUS

en-timer, it is still a landmark. It is

"I couldn't give Pat Eddery a good

battle for the title this year because of

the injury, but I will be back for a real

ding-dong with him next season. I

hope next year will be a safer one for

jockeys too - there have been far too

"I am still overwhelmed by Satur-

day, I can't quite get over it yet. 1

would have loved to have reached 100

many injuries this term.

always a feat to get to a 100 winners and this time it has been even more

ANZIO best Armizing Bay in 9-miner listed race at | of 15 to Jayannese in listed race at Newbury (6). Doncaster (St. good) with BRANE EDGE (11b better off) short head 3rd, BLUE RRS (4) 4th and CROFT POOL (11b hear and head 5th. CROFT POOL 3441 4th and CROFT And of 17 to Bookshof in handlesp at Associ (5), good). EASY DOLLAR best recent effort neck 2nd Selection: BRANE EDGE

3.40 MIDDLE PARK STAKES (Group I: 2-Y-O colts: £81,553: 6f) (12 runners) 

### 1965: ROYAL APPLAUSE 8-11 W R Swimborn (3-1) B HBIs 5 ran FORM FOCUS

ANDREYEV best Closs Relative 41 in 6-numer tace at Chester (61, good to soit) BAHAMIAN BOUNTY best Zeninder neck in 5-numer group 1 Prix Momy at Deavlie (61, good) with RECH GROUND 7 46. EASYCALL best Compton Piece 194 in 7-numer group 1 Priving Childrey states at Doucaster (51, good to firm) with DEEP RNESSE 1941 3rd. HAMIATS/TIC FELLOW 194 480 of 10 to Desert King in group 3 Hollings States at the current (71, good to firm) with 194 of 10 to Desert King in group 3 Hollings States at the Current (72, good to firm). HURRICANE STATE best Kurman S1 in Selection: BAHAMIAN BOURTY

## GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

Queen today. She needs only one

more winner for her 600th success

After his injury, Dettori returned to

the saddle at Newmarket on August

9, having reached 61 winners before

The Brighton executive presented

Dettori with a bottle of champagne

after the Steyning Handicap to mark

his achievement. Kristal Breeze, the

7-2 favourite, readily carried Dettori

to his milestone, drawing clear through the final furlong to defeat

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4.15 JOEL STAKES (Listed race: £11,465; 1m) (9 runners) 601 (1) 215430 RESTRUCTURE 12 (CD,BF,F.5) (M Myro) Mrs J Codi 4-9-7. M Roberts 95
602 (5) 141103 GREEN PERRAME 22 (D,BF,F.5) (Lord Sandes) P Code 4-9-9. T Quirum 99
603 (5) 121010 YEAST 37 (D,F.6) (B legges) W Hagges 4-9-0. R Cochrane 94
604 (2) 1 EL PENTENTE 150 (D,F) (B Nelsen) D Loder 3-8-11. Detton 70
605 (7) 207154 HAMAMERSTEN 27 (D,F) (Shelsh Mohammad) M Stoder 3-8-17. R Hagges 97
606 (6) 162321 PHANTON GUEST 12 (CD,F) (N Abdulla) M Cech 3-8-11. Pal Eddery 97
607 (4) 31-3 SLIVER PREY 20 (F) (Matcom N Matham) E Dunlop 3-8-11. W Ryum 86
609 (9) 610032 GLOWING JADE 6 (D,BF,F.6) (B Eschick) J Glove 6-8-9. G Carter 68
609 (3) 5-00236 TAMMA 21 (F.6) (Pince A Fascal) J Dunlop 3-8-6. K Darley 88
6ETTIME: 4-1 Plastom Guess, 9-2 Yeast Restructure, 5-1 O Penhame, Hatgmentstein, 7-7 Silver Prey, 8-1 others.

1995: BBI ROSE 3-8-10 K Darley (12-1) D Loder 13 ran FORM FOCUS

RESTRUCTURE 21 3rd of 12 to Bishop Of Castel in group III Britain's Fastest Railmay Park Stakes at Doncaster (Im. good) on perolimate start. GREEN PERFURE 22H 3rd of 9 to Seftensylvent Flyer in race at Epson (6t. good to firm) YEAST best Master Charter 3f in 12-currer handicap at Ascott (Im. good to firm) at Perfure the total (Im. good to firm) E. PEMTENTE best (Arman 4t in 16-currer masden at Warwick (1m. firm). HAMMERSTEIN about 5141 4th of 8 to Centre Stalls in listed race at Asmylian (1m. good) PHAN-TOM QUEST beat Tarribut short head in race at Newbury (1m 11, good to firm), SELVER PREY 1541 and at 8 to Polar Privace at Geoderood (71, good).
TAMBAR 341 3rd of 14 to Thulling Day in tasted

4.50 FITZWILLIAM HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,620: 51) (16 runners) (6) 002300 SPLICING 43 (D.G) (1 Hissofrield) W Hapges 9-7.... .... M Hills 9
(3) 000062 SWYNFORD DREAM 33 (D.F.G) (Dualitair Holdings Ltd) J Bottomiev 9-6. L Detion | 6 2 13) UNIONE SETTING LIFE AM 5.3 (LIF. 26) CLASSING HORIZON J. DORDING SP. 3. (10) 0280/12 (LORSHICK, LAD 16 FG) (Mrs. Michary M. Mus. 9-4 . J. Pade 97. 4 (15) 31-00. ARR WING 124 (D,G) (P Bests (Holdings) Lift) M Tomplans 9-2 . T Owner 89. 5 (2) 023064 SHARP PEAR. 10 (D,F) (D Yardy) J White 9-1 . A Hughes 9. 6 (7) 131460 J WHO-JARRY 43 (D,F) (D Deporthall) R Hollinchead 8-13 . F Lynch (3) 92. 7 (14) 180755 MLJAS 55 (7) (Mijas Partnership) L Montague Hall 8-12 . Dane D'Nelli 96. 8 (8) 02-3003 SHATHEREENS 16 (May Kennard) P Walary 8-9 . Pat Eddey 87. 9 (13) 412400 MMDRACE 8 (D,F) (D Abboth) Norty 8-9 . Martin Duyer (5) 94. 10 11) 312100 LIFERARY SOCIETY 20 (D,F,G) (Lady Cohne Carter) J Toller 8-9 S Senders 98. 11 (12) 32-010 SHBING CLOUD 9 (P) (Mrs. A Yearley) M Bell 8-8 (Peq. . M Forton 95. 12 (16) 145204 TROPICAL BEACH 7 (D,F,G) (L Unsward) J Bears 8-7 . K Darky 97. 13 (11) 03-0106 SABAME ELFALL 19 (D,F) (Sheish Ahmer Al Malkoum) A Stenerl 8-7 M Roberts 97. 14 (4) 01-0400 CHALICE 7 (D,G) (Mrs. ) Belling) J Laiding 8-6 . J Eddonards (7) 94. 15 (9) 150002 STEP ON DEBAS 24 (D,F) (Depas Pines) M Feberston-Boddey 8-3 R Primoch (7) 94. 16 (5) 20-3 L DORINA 44 (0 & R Pines) A Halle 8-1. A Michigan Markon (1) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16) 19 (16)

1995; SOLERE CORRIE 8-0 J Stack (20-1) J Banks 18 ran

### FORM FOCUS

SWYNFORD DREAM 4: 2nd of 15 to Parties of hardings at Chester (5!, good to soil). LONGWICK LAD 11 2nd of 8 to Carnoves Heart in hardings at Yarmouth (5!, good). SWITNEREEMS 44: 3nd of 6 to Saheeri in maders at Yarmouth (5!, good). LTF RRAFTY SCIETY best recent efter healt best-health Boy neck in handings at Thresk (5!, good) with U-Selection: LONGWICK LAD (nap)

FORTE MERIDIEN PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE ACCEPTORS; Sunshack (trained by A Fabre, Fr), Swain (A Fabre, Fr), Tarriure (J Gosden), Classic Cliche (S bin Surcor), Oscar Schindler (K Prendergast, Ire), Pilsudski (M Stoute), Luso (C Britteri), Court Of Honour (P Chapple-Hyam), Leeds (H Van Poele, Fr), Pentire (G Wragg), Russian Snows (S bin Surcor), Shaamit (W Haggas), Radevore (A Fabre, Fr), Derazzari (A de Royer-Dupre, Fr), Polaris Pilght (P Chapple-Hyam), Le Destin (P Demercastel, Fr), Zagreb (D Weld, Ire), Helissio (E Lellouche, Fr), Luna Wells (A Fabre, Fr), Leonilla (R Collet, Fr) There is a final supplementary stage today.

### TAUNTON

THUNDERER 1.50 General Mouktar, 2.20 Burnt Sienna, 2.55 Ramstar, 3.25 Have A Nightcap, 4.00 Miners Rest.

1.50 NORMAN READING MEMORIAL MAIDEN

220: SENERAL MOUNTAR 43F (B) M Pipe 6-11-5 C Moude
3 SECOND COLOURS 21 (BF) M Pipe 6-11-5 A P McCoy
3 PPO RENE DE LA CHASSE 183 R D Solman 4-10-13 A McCabe
4 340 SWANGS N TRANSS 5 B Falling 4-10-13 R Farrant -5 General Moulday 11-4 Second Colours, 5-1 Reme De La Chasse, 8-1 Savings in things:

HURDLE (£2,295, 2m 3l 110yd) (4 runners)

2.20 TAUNTON CASTLE SELLING HURDLE (£2 005: 2m 1f) (15) ## R Thorston (7)

1314 HACKETTS CROSS & (D.F.6.) P Eccles 8-12-5

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1326 NACHT TIME 22 (B.F.) J Just 5-11-5

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1329 NACHT TIME 22 (B.F.) J Just 5-11-13

1320 NACHT TIME 22 (B.F.) J Just 6-11-13

### 3-1 Fleet Cadet, 7-2 Nackett, Cross, 6-1 America, 7-1 Pressinge Lady, 8-1 Burns. Secret 18-1 Jans Sharre, 13-1 Night Time, 14-1 offers. Pipe lands five at Exeter

MARTIN PIPE'S latest attempt to go through the card failed narrowly at Exeter yesterday. The Wellington trainer claimed five of the six races, his only reverse being the defeat of Shikaree, fourth in the Dominion Oils Novices' - Chase, Doctor Green and Million Dancer landed the first two races, and Courbaril, Nordic Valley and Out Ranking the last three. "I never expected to win all six but I am always hopeful," said the trainer, who saddled the first five winners at the course in August 1991.

### 2.55 CURLAND HANDICAP CHASE (£3,501: 2m 3f) (5)

3.25 SUMMERFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE

(E.C., C.J.). ZIII 11) (0)

1 121- NNDAN JOCKEY 80F (D.F) M Pipe 4-12-0. A P McCoy
2 -P16 HAVE A NICHTCAP 18 (V.CDLF,G.S) M Limmoten 7-11-0
8 Powel
3 4-23 CORRIN HEL 4 (D.F.G.S) R Hodges 9-10-11. J Hamtis (7)
4 2431 SIRTELMAN 4 (D.F.G.S) R Baley 7-10-10 (7eg. T J Marphy
5 -123 SAFETY 28 (B.CDLF,G.) Winto 9-10-5. A Magnite
6 050- HARLECAM WALK 57F (B.O.D.R) R D.Schwan S-10-3. P Moley
6-4 Indian Jockey, 7-2 Sintellinian, 5-1 Carrin Hill, 5-1 Harlequin Walk, 8-1 Have A
Nightcap, Saleny 4.00 THURLBEAR NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

6-4 Blue Raven, 2-1 Miners Rest, 7-2 River Cala, 6-1 Telmar Systems 4,35 WIVELISCOMBE JUVENILE NOVICES

**HURDLE** (£2,295: 2m 1f) (8) COLEBROOK WILE 19F J Bosley 10-10 M Bosley
COLEBROOK WILE 19F J Bosley 10-10 B Supple
CONCOSTLY APPARATION 12 J Upson 10-10 B Supple
BODAN WOLF 19F B Levelby 10-10 B Found
CONCOSER 21F M Fige 10-5 S Wynne
SUDRA 16F P March 10-5 S White and 10-5 MY BEAUTHU, DREAM 40 A Smith 10-5 F Journe
F JOURNE 10F P March 10-5 MY G Sheelder (7)
TRIANNA 103F R Brotherion 10-5 MY C Sheelder (7)
REMANNA 103F R Brotherion 10-5 MY C Sheelder (7) 4-7 Contracted, 6-1 Indires, 8-1 Triatines, 12-1 Generally Appendices, Song Fox Jess 14-1 Indian Well, 20-1 others

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TALINTON: Trainurs: P Hobbs, 20 symbors from 78 minures, 25.6%, M Pupe, 33 from 148, 22.3%; R Brotherion, 3 from 21, 14.3%. Only qualifiers, Jockeys: A P McCloy, 9 winners from 57 mine; 15.8%, 6 williamson, 4 from 25, 15.4%; 5 Carrat, 4 from 28, 14.3%, A Maguere, 4 from 29, 13.8%; 7 Dascombe, 6 from 45, 13.3%; C Manule, 9 from 71, 12.7%

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ley said yesterday. Williamson left Bailey during the

KIM BAILEY has signed partnership with Imperial Conor O'Dwyer to replace Call, who gave him his big-Norman Williamson as his gest success in the Gold Cup stable jockey. "He will have at Cheltenham last March. his first ride for me at "He still has contacts in Uttoxeter on Saturday," Bai- Ireland and won't be with me the whole time, but they race mainly on the weekend over summer to ride as a freelance. there so he should be able to O'Dwyer will maintain his do both," Bailey said.



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## Sportsmen feel lure of running for office

n America they call them the "political jocks". They are former A sportsmen, mostly household names and childhood heroes, who, instead of buying a pub or a sports shop as a retirement career option, opt to go into the world of politics.

There, in the wake of the nomination of Jack Kemp, the former American footballer, as the Republican vice-presidential candidate, they reckon that the political arena is increasingly becoming a natural playing field for sports figures.

The latest to line up for this particular race is Jim Ryun, three times an Olympian and former world mile record-holder. Ryun first made the US Olympic team in 1964 while he was still at high school and still holds the high school record for the mile at 3min 55.3sec. These days he is pounding the campaign trail in Kansas, where he is running for a congressional seat as a Republican.

He is being helped in his votechasing by Steve Largent, a former American footballer with the Seattle Seahawks, who is now a congressman for Oklahoma. Although they are political upstarts, they both enjoy the kind of instant recognition that most politicians spend years cultivat-

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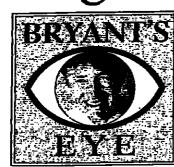
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ing, and pundits reckon that they have a great political future.

But they should beware. The obvious British counterpart of the great Jim Ryun is our own Seb Coe double Olympic champion and Conservative MP for Falmouth and Camborne - and he appears to be suffering in the Commons in a way

that he rarely did on the track. In a survey of MPs published by The Sunday Times, a tenth of all the members questioned voted Coe one of the least impressive MPs of the 1992 Westminster intake. In Britain, it seems, we don't give our former sportsmen an easy time when they enter the political arena.



Seb Coe, the runner, enjoyed a glorious career on the track

lence about sportsmen and women in British political life. The parties, and darly their leaders, love to identify themselves with sport and the votes that go with it. In his conference speech at Blackpool this week. Tony Blair repeatedly chanted the refrain "Labour's coming home"

 echoing the chorus of Three Lions and evoking the patriotic excitement of Euro 96. And the best photocall at the Labour conference last year involved Blair in a staged kickabout with Kevin Keegan.

John Major, who has a genuine love of sport, never misses a chance to be pictured at Lord's or the Oval, chatting to the England cricket team. As a former keen schoolboy cricketer he will even pad up or bowl in the nets to catch the eye of the photographers. When the country does well on the sports field, runs the political wisdom, such leaders can hope for some benefit at the ballot box.

But while they like to tap into sporting success, when it comes to making use of former sportsmen in politics, Britain's parties seem far less sure-footed. Not many sportsmen enter the Westminster stakes and when they do they rarely shine.

There are exceptions, of course. One of the most notable was Christopher Chataway, one of Roger Bannister's pacemakers when he broke the four-minute mile barrier in 1954, and once holder of the world record for 5,000 metres. Chataway went on to become Minister for Industrial Development but, significantly, when he was offered the job of Minister of Sport he turned it down. In the Commons at the moment can also be found the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs and defence spokesman and former Olympic sprinter, Menzies Campbell.

Like Coe, such men strive to carve out parliamentary careers that have nothing to do with their sporting past. They divorce themselves from their athletic persona as if they are afraid of being typecast and not being

taken seriously.

It is a pity, for sport in this country is lamentably lacking in heavyweight leadership, and could use the expertise and experience of a squad of sportmen-politicians. In France the sports minister is Guy Drut. He is a former Olympic champion over 110 metres hurdles, and he is largely credited with the success of the France team in the Atlanta games. In Brazil the minister in charge of sport



Seb Coe, the politician, has been criticised by his fellow MPs

is the footballing legend, Pelé, and it is even said that he has ambitions to be his country's president.

In America the vote-pulling power of sport is so potent that far from playing down their sporting pedigree, the politicians make all they can of it. Jack Kemp constantly reminds the electorate of his 13 seasons as a professional American footballer. When asked if he was ready to serve with Bob Dole, Kemp replied simply: 'Ouarterbacks are always ready." And no American president seems able to hold office without the props of golf clubs or jogging shoes.

But when Britain's athletes venture into politics they seem all too relucsporting past. Perhaps a sense of modesty stops them mentioning their youthful triumphs. If so, they could probably learn a trick from Ryun.

His television commercial shows no wins, no records, but focuses on his most disappointing moment as an athlete. That was in the 1972 Olympics in Munich when another run-ner's fall forced him to crash to the track. Ryun's last hope of a gold medal was ruined, but he got up. hopelessly last, and finished the race. He reckons that footage will win him his seat, and launch a great political career in a land where they appreciate their sporting-politicians.

JOHN BRYANT

ing it was blowing about a

Force 8 and was wet and

As we moved in for our

start, we had a minor problem

with our staysail and I had my

head down grinding a winch

that we had crossed the line.

For me, it was a bit of an

anticlimax as I had missed

We had a poor start, but over the next 24 hours clawed

our way back to the front third

of the fleet. During this period

watches were dictated by who

was seasick and who was not.

With about a third of us

suffering, it was hard work for

those who could stand a

watch. But, by the second day,

people had started to recover

We had a brilliant second

night with a 12-hour spinna-

ker run and the day dawned bright with dolphins playing

on the bow wave. Lovely stuff.

We are slowly getting into a

routine and the promise of

sunshine and blue seas in the

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next couple of days beckons.

and life began to improve.

seeing the gun go off.

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bumpy.

RADIO CHOICE

## Reckless and trackless

They were brave but, it has to be said, slightly idiotic. What did it add to the sum of human knowledge that they found a pile of 2,000-year-old manure and a vast amount of shattered pottery? The Anglo-Chinese expedition across 790 miles of the Taklamakan Desert in Chinese expedition across 790 miles of the Takiamakan Desert in western China in 1993 was a "first" for men, carnels and a woman. The camels, at least, were spared the worrying thought that, translated, the Chinese name for the desert was: "You go in — you never come out". Anglo-Chinese relations could easily have been ruptured when the expedition leader booted a Chinese off the camel on which he was taking an unauthorised ride. He was, when all is said and done a proposentative of his Covernment said and done, a representative of his Government.

Blood of the Ring Finger. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

The events in Jane Cassidy's drama about superstitious hysteria take The events in Jane Cassidy's drama about superstudius hysteria take place in the Mountains of Mourne, in Ulster, during the early days of the 20th century. I would not blame you for thinking that it could just as well be Massachusetts in the late 17th, the place and time of Arthur Miller's The Crucible. As in Miller's play, sparks of animosity in a physically close knit community are fanned into flames. All it takes is for someone to enunciate the word witchcraft. I had some difficulty string out the relationship in Blood of the Ping Finger, You might sorting out the relationships in Blood of the Ring Finger. You might be luckier. Jane Cassidy's use of song to link the unusually short

### RADIO 1

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5.00mm Morning Reports, incl 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breaklast Programme, incl 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, with Brian Hayes, Inc. 10.35 News from Europe Hayes, Incl 10.35 News from Europe 12.00 Midday with Mair, Incl 12.35pm Monaycheck 2.05 Rusope on Five, Incl 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 Nationwide, Incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Ethe, Incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.35 The Meltdown to the Golden Squad. The story of the Hungarien Revolution using eyewithess accounts of survivors of the so called "Golden Squad" 8.05 Inside Edge 9.05 SportsAmerica, with Alton Bayd 9.35 America Graffiti 10.00 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am After Hours — Early Call 2.05 Up All Night Early Call 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO 5.00am Early Breaklast 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Anna Rae-bum 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

### WORLD SERVICE

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### CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchlime Concerto. Kabalersky (Vrolin Concerto, Op 48) 3.00 Nick Balley 6.00 Classic Newsnight 6.30 Sonata Poulenc (Clamei Sonata) 7.00 Travel Guide. Tignes and St Lucia 8.00 Evening Concert. Wagner (Tamhäuser — Overture): Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor, Op 125. Choral) 10.00 Michael Mappin, incl at 11.35 Noctume 1.00am Sally Peterson

### VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breaklast Experience 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Jeramy Clark

6.00am On Air. Presented by Denn On Air. Presented by Andrew MacGregor. Includes Bach (Molin Concerto in E, BW/1042); Beethoven (String Cuartet in B flat, Op 18 No 6); Alein, orch Dutilleux (Priere pour Nous autres Chamels); Ritmsky-Korsakov (Plano Concerto in C sharp minor); Heinichen (Beatus vir); Lambert (The Rio Grande) a Morning Collectios. with

9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young, Telemann (Overture-Suite in C. TWV55 Lointaine); Mozart (Piano Quartet in E flat, K493)

10.00 Musical Encounters Introduced by Geraint Lewis Grace William's (Sea Sketches). Proms Artist of the Week: David Atherton. Britten (Who Are These Children?) Purcelt (My Beloved Spake, 228): Takernesu (Les Yeux Clos I and III): Faure. (Cello Spatch in Opinion. Op. 100): Grace Wil Sonata in D minor, Op 109): Thiriet (Complainte de Gilles); Part, Cantus in memoriam

Benjamin Britten; Britten (Four Sea Interludes) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Steve Reich at 60 includes

clapping music

1.00pm News; Opera Matines;
The Palace. A drama
inspired by the last days of
Halle Selassie's regime
showing how an age-old
reign of terror gave way to a
new resolutionary one

reign of terror gave way to a new revolutionary one 3.10 Langlais. Cinq Mediations sur i Apocalypse with Stephen Farr, organ 3.55 Philhamonte (Gerhard Centenary). A concert given last Saturday in the Festival Hall, London, introduced by James MacMillan

5.00 Music Mechine, BBC singers perform pieces composed by London students 5.15 in Tune, Chausson (Poeme): Bach (Prelude and Fugue in E): Saint-Saens (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor)

7.30 London Symphony
Orchestra. Features the
world premiere of James
MacMillan's Cello Concerto, the central work in a triplych concerned with aspects of Easter and Passiontide: the Good Friday. Conductor Colin Davis, Mstislav Rostropovich, cello. Sibelius (En saga) 8.20 From Einstein to professor of biology at the v). Open University, examines the impact of popular culture on the public's conception of science 8.40 Concert part 2.

Beethoven (Symphony No ? 9.35 Reputations: Elizabeth

Bowen. 10.00 Music Restored. George Pratt introduces performan from the 1996 York Early Music Festival (4/7)

10.45 Night Waves. Hermione Lee investigates how Michael Winterbottom has tackled Hardy's disturbing novel Jude the Obscure in his new film

11.30 Composers of the Week: The Court of James VI. Captain Alexander Montgomerie (r)

12.00 The Road to Toledo 4. (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, Features
tenor sax player Michael
Rivertmer

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Madeod

and deceit. With guests Jeremy Hardy, Rebecca Front, Jim Sweeney and Fred MacAulay 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Across the Desert of Death

Century. The perultimale programme in John Tusa's senes offering a personal perspective on the last 100

See Choice (r) 8.00 20/20: a View of the

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing Incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 A Moment's Liberty (4/5) 8.58 Weather

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8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts,
with John Waite (r)
9.30 Common Ground
10.00 News; King Solomon's
Carpet (FM), by Barbara
Vine, adapted by Nick Fisher
10.00 Dality Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour

10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm Questions of Taste.

Chris Kelly hosts the lighthearted culinary quiz 12.55 Weather

12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One. With Nick Clarke in Blackpool and Jemes Cox in London

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News, Blood of the Ring Finger. See Choice

3.00 News, The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kelekloscope.
Paul Allen presume a year.

Paul Allen reviews a new staging of Lorca's Blood Wedding and talks to Ken Campbell about his new show

Violin Time
4.45 Short Story: Love and
Death in Languedoc. A
selection of French tales written and read by
Christopher Hope (4/5)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm the Queen of Sheba.

series in which writers best known for creating liction become reporters for the day. This week the corric novelst challenge 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? The programme for people will disabilities, Presented by

years (r) 8.45 The Writer's Day Out. The

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9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59
Weather
10.00 The World Tonight. With
Jeremy Harris in London and
Robin Lustig at the Labour
Conference in Blackpool
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The
Great Gataby, Sam Robards
reads F Scott Fitzgerald's
classic, abnoged by Neville
Teller (9/10)
11.00 Aunt Juita and the
Scriptwriter. The final part of
Mario Vargas Llosa's comic
novel. With Tom Hollander.
Scothan Redmond, John
11.30 Offspring, with John Peel (r)
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11.200 News and 12.27sm approx
Weather

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12.30 The Late Book: Nico —
Songs They Never Play on the Radio (4/8) (r) 12.48
Shipping Forecast

1.00 As World Service

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### Clawing our way back after anguish of poor start James Capstick files his first report as he heads for Rio de Janeiro

as a crew member on Ocean Rover in the BT Global Challenge

THE day before the start of our round-the-world race, I was to be found at home. walking the dog on the common and trying to think of an easy way to say goodbye to my two boys. Although it is planned for us all to meet un in Wellington fust after Christmas, it seemed so final

for some reason. That evening I couldn't put it off any longer and, amid many tears, mine included, I said my goodbyes and my wife Tracey drove me down to Southampton, There, thanks to the generosity of our boat sponsors on Ocean Rover, all the crew members were able to go to sleep when we to Ocean Rover - my home

the night with their other halves. The drive down was completed in almost total silence, mainly because Tracey was probably too upset and I was afraid of saying the wrong thing. After arriving at we sat at the har and we even managed a few jokes.

booked into a posh hotel for the hotel, things eased a bit as

went to bed, especially as we had orders from our skipper, Paul Bennett, to do so sober. However, as soon as my head touched the pillow I was away and the next thing I knew my 6am alarm call came through.

I had a lazy shower (it may be the last for a while), dressed in my Ocean Rover sailing gear and prepared to say goodbye to Tracey. At the last moment, she decided to come down to the boat with me rather than stay at the hotel.

It was a cold, wet and windy morning which matched my mood because, rather than being excited on the morning of the start, I was depressed for some reason. When we arrived at the quay, there were hundreds of people and lots of cameramen trying to capture farewell scenes. We found a quiet spot and hugged and kissed and said all the things you would expect. We both

I never thought I would be had a cry and then I walked on for the next ten months. It was very emotional as we

slipped our moorings and motored out into Southampton Water. Although putting

us were a little bit lost in our own thoughts. We had about four hours to wait before the start at 12.05pm. An early lunch was prepared and the time flew until, together with the other 13 Challenge yachts, we were jockeying for position around the start line, watched by a large spectator fleet. It was a good turnout consider-

on a brave face. I think most of



Capstick takes his turn at the helm of Ocean Rover

### WORD-WATCHING

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

THE BT Global Challenge ding on Group 4.

During a squally night on Tuesday when crews on all 14 yachts were up and down doing regular sail changes, positions in the heart of the fleet were changing constantly with 3Com, Ocean Rover and Commercial Union in the

plenty of sun yesterday, the crews were beginning to dry out as the average boat speed for the fleet dropped to 8.6 knots. The yachts are now on their way towards the Berlenga Lighthouse, their second waypoint, about 220 miles south of Finisterre. They will leave Berlenga to down towards Brazil with

sway for some time. One of the best dogfights in the fleet came on Tuesday between the defending cham-pion. Nuclear Electric, and Group 4. As the crew on

Group 4 reported yesterday: "A great day's sailing on Tuesday — in the sun match racing with Nuclear Electric. A nail-biting afternoon ended triumphantly at 1739 hours when we moved ahead, approximately one mile west of them. We had a celebratory supper of vegetable curry and peach Angel Most crew members have

now overcome seasickness, though Courtaulds reported three people still "severely sick" yesterday. In common several others, Courtaulds is experiencing problems with life jackets selfinflating.
On Time & Tide, the dis-

abled crew had their first casualty when Nigel Smith. an amputee, broke his wooden leg. James Hatfield, the skipper, reported that the damage was repaired using flex and duct tape. Heath Insured II is report-

ing the most damage with problems continuing with the rigging screw on the star-board aft lower shroud, plus problems with both heads (lavatories), the generator and the electric bilge pump.

(a) Daughter of Cymbeline, a woman so pure that virtue shines from her like a light, and who is therefore doomed (in the way of Shakespeare's innocent heroines) to be misunderstood and

THAISSA (c) In Pericles, she is the daughter of Simonides, the Princess of Pentapolis, whom Pericles woos and wins. Later, thought to be dead in a storm, she is rescued and brought back to life by Cerimon: 15 years after that, as a dignified priestess of Diana's temple at Ephesus, she is reunited with Pericles. Her lines are few and her character is non-existent.

**GONZALO** 

(a) Alonso's old retainer in The Tempest. He is unimaginative and unquestioning, one of those salt-of-the-earth courtiers whose trust (in Shakespeare's plays, at least) is in the office of Prince rather than the rogue who fills it. Although in public he appears a colourless bore, and the villains be associates with steal every scene from him, he is the only person in the play not excepting Prospero — to envisage the island as a Utopia for other people's benefit before his own.

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 Qg7+, White also picks up a black rook.

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### **Curry feast follows** exciting duel in sun

fleet was passing Cape Finisterre on the northwest tip of Spain last night in a relatively tight bunch spread over 38 miles with Chris Tibbs, on Concert, in the lead, closely followed by Simon Walker, on Toshiba, and Mike Gol-

With the wind easing and northeasterlies likely to hold

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mistreated by everyone she meets. Cymbeline is a hotchpotch of themes that Shakespeare developed better singly fater: the grumpy old king, the wicked stepmother, the wicked Italian lachimo (lago), girls in drag and supposed poison that turns out to be a harmless sleeping-draught.

(b) In Henry VIII. Sir William Butts is Henry's physician. He alerts the King to the fact that Cranmer is being made to wait in a corridor before the heresy hearing, "Mongst pursuivants./ Pages and footboys."

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## Ross sheds no light on the Poldark story

suppose, who hear the names Ross and Demelza Poldark, and go all funny at the back of the neck. Poldark is certainly a good name, especially when accented (as it often was last night) on the second syllable. Poldark. Ah-ha, me hearties, it brings out the Robert Newton impersonation in all but the strongest willed. Even those of us ignorant of Winston Graham's novels, who never watched the old BBC series (with Robin Ellis and Angharad Rees), had a certain respect for such a well-named piece. Poldark. It makes you think of tin-mines and lowering coastal scenery, and las seen on a million book-jackets) rustic Empire-line dresses in coastal settings, furling and snapping like flags in a stiff sea breeze.

extracted and turned into a film making a narrative with no beginning and no end, just yards and yards of pointless middle. In the course of two hours, what happened? Ross Poldark (John Bowe with long hair and sideburns) returned from Westminster. Jeremy Poldark met an unavailable girl, while his sister Clowance met two boys. Ho hum. The sea glittered when it got the chance. A neighbouring landowner came a cropper. And a handsome stranger stirred things up a bit, for motives that were not revealed. The shortfalls weren't just in the

story, either. Why was so little money spent on actors? Each cameo appearance cried aloud for a famous telly face ("Is that Robert Hardy?" "Perhaps it's Phoebe Nicholis!"), but it was a cruel tease: when the camera brought them nearer, they were invariably people you'd never seen in your life

slice of plodding saga had been before. As for the principals, Kelly Reilly made a good impression as Clowance (what a ridiculous name) while Mel Martin was pretty as her mum. But John Bowe? Oh God, what a wet weekend he was. To be fair, I do suffer from a unique chemical. aversion to Bowe's lacklustre performances: he appears on screen and I lose the will to live. How clever those Prime Suspect people were, casting him as Marlowe that blank, unreadable psychopath. Casting a man with no qualities as Ross Poldark, however, seems not very clever at all.

> n a brighter note, BBCI's Beck seemed quite promising. Its star, Amanda Redman, has a great charm, on screen, anyway, especially in dewy-eyed repose; and it's not her fault that her lookalike Amanda Burton has become so famous recently, with a similar haircut and a

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Lynne Truss

similar series. How galling: one minute there are no Detective Amandas, and the next minute there are two. All it needs now is for Amanda de Cadenet to get a series as a police markswoman with an unlikely name such as "Torrent", and confusion will be complete.

"Beck" is presumably short for Rebecca, but might also be her surname. It makes me think of mountain streams anyway. "Hey.

whatever! Let's just call her Beck," her parents may have reasoned at the font: "and then one day she'll be on telly running a missingpersons agency with a snappy oneword title for the show!" Christening parties queucing behind were naturally impressed by this decision, and decided to copy it. "Hey, whatever!" they agreed.
"Let's call our two Muffy and
Tally, and they can be sidekicks -to Beck!" And thus was another set of absurd nicknames foisted on a tolerant public, who said "Hey.

whatever, just get on with it". Establishing a personality for Beck was easy. She snatched a slice of pizza from someone else's box, ordered her employees about, worked late, neglected a bruised shoulder, wore a black leather skirt and had a lonely bath with candles and champagne. The single career woman, in a nutshell. What shall we eat?" asked her boyfriend. "Anything with cholesterol," she quipped. "Men, why do we need them?" groaned Therese in the office. "Saves on batteries?" said Beck, which was a little uncalled for (unless, of course, she was talking about a clock radio).

uch smutty talk aside, the first episode had plenty of plot entailing lost children and lost parents, with Beck by no means a pushover emotionally. Perhaps in future weeks we will learn why the missing-persons business drew her in, when she's not particularly interested in runaways and has no obvious detection skills. Meanwhile two plot strands last night both concerned children who had run away - one shocked by her mother's drinking, the other horrified by his father's sexuality. The script was nothing special and the direction relied too heavily on jumpy camerawork (and music) to make things interesting. On the plus side, Amanda

The most memorable drama of the evening, perversely, was also the shortest - BBC2's iOX10 was a film called You Drive Me, written and directed by Stef Penney. It was like a French short story. On a lonely rural road, amid acres of waving, waist-high corn, a hitchhiker (Andrew Tiernan) flagged down an open-topped sports car. Driving it was Anna Friel (of Brookside fame), in dark glasses. Would she give him a lift? She said she was frightened. A tear fell down her cheek. The hitch-hiker walked on, then came back, "111 drive you," he said. At which point she siepped out of the car and walked away, through the corn. "You can't do that," he called after her. But she had, and it was rather startling. And sad to say, it was the best surprise of the night.

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● Matthew Bond will return next

30 M 6.00am Business Breakfast (25311) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (71999) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) (5806680)

But Poldark last night (ITV)

was awful. Not only was it slow

and dull, but it had no atmo-

sphere, and no proper story. A

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9.20 Style Challenge (s) (2708715) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (2538796) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (17116)

11.00 News, Regional News and weather (Ceelax) (6112715) 11.05 Conference Live. Live coverage of the Labour Party conference (s) (93645222) 1.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (74086)

1.30 Regional News and weather (57664319) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (44614241) 2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (6447661) 2.35 Turnabout (s) (6609002) 3.00 The Terrace (s) (3796)

3.30 Little Bear (s) (7658932) 3.55 The Chipmunks (r) (s) (9052852) 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (Ceelax) (s) (8028067) 4.35 Smart (Ceelax) (s) (1088852) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (2608715) 5.10 Byker Grove (Ceelax) (s) (6704319)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (227864) 6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (64)

\$6.30 Regional news (16) 7.00 Watchdog. (Ceetax) (s) (5777)

7.30 EastEnders. Cindy makes a decision she could regret. (Čeetax) (s) (28) 8.00 Animal Hospital, Rolf Harris sees the

RSPCA's trainee inspectors get lessons from the fire brigade (Ceefax) (s) (4425) 8.30 The Helio Girls: Baslow 212. Telephone-exchange comedy set in 1959 The supervisors discover that the girls have been listening in to the topsecret Baslow line. With Letitia Dean, Amy Marston and Colin Wells (Ceefax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News, Regional News and weather (Ceelax) (7970)

9.30 The X Files: Clyde Bruckman's Final Repose. Clyde Bruckman has a unique gift — he can foretell the deaths of others. Unable to affect the outcome he hides his ability until he stumbles across a serial killer Mulder and Scully try to enlist Bruckman's help in the search for the killer, but soon become targets

themselves. (Ceetax) (s) (680195) 10.15 They Think It's All Over. Nick Hancock comperes a game of wit and sporting I nowledge "with a difference". Tonight's guests are the Australian comedian and ormer Neighbours star Mark Little and former England rugby player Brian Moore (Ceelax) (s) (483357)

10.45 Question Time. David Dimbleby chairs this week's debate from Blackpool. The panel comprises the businesswoman Gordon Brown and Charles Kennedy (419932)

11.40 FILM: Perfect Witness (1989). A madefor television movie. A restaurant owner witnesses a gangland murder but is too frightened to testify, despite pressure from the district attorney With Brian Dennehy, Aidan Quinn and Stockard Channing Directed by Robert Mandel (Ceelax) (s) (972425)

1.25am-1.30 Weather (2110568)

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6579864) 7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (4946845) 7.55 Blue Peter (8005222) 8.20 Noddy 7.55 Balle Peter (800522) 8.20 Noody (r) (s) (1747628) 8.35 Lassie (r) (8462796) 9.00 The IT Collection (s) (2786593) 9.25 The Art (s) (5823957) 9.45 Writing and Pictures (Teleted) (s) (1157609) 10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (25222) 10.30 Storytime (r) (s) (1286808) 10.45 The Emerimente (s) (2860257)

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12.15pm Hallo Aus Berlin (s) (7602609) 12.30 Working Lunch (87609) 1.00 Life-school (s) (32783226) 1.25 Mad About Music (s) (17668116) 1.45 Numbertime (s) (57674796) 2.00 Noddy (r) (s) (18882777)

2.10 Conference Live (s) (266067) 3.55 News and weather (8655338)

4.00 Today's the Day (57) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (41) 5.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (s) (9564864) 5.40 Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade (939393) 5.50 Breast of Friends (936661) 6.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine (685241)

6.45 Conference Talk (s) (790932) 7.30 The Shoot: An Italian Dream. David Gepp captures the familiar backdrop of romantic Venice (Teletext) (s) (70)

8.00 The Works. The series on the arts and popular culture returns with a profile of Peter Green. formerly of Fleetwood Mac (Teletext) (s) 8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson gives his

verdict on Jaguar's new coupé. Tony Mason takes his three-wheeler to the race track for the Reliant Robin Championship. And Steve Berry tries out the Honda Blackbird, a new breed of superbike (Teletext) (s) (1574) 9.00 Neverwhere: Blackfriars. An urban

tantasy with Gary Bakewell, Laura Fraser, Hywel Bennett and Peter Capaldi (s)



9,30 The System: The Spike. Glasgow's Bishopbriggs Resettlement Unit, the last remnant of 250 such Government hostels that offered a meal and a bed to the homeless (Teletext) (s)

10,20 10 x 10. A director's film debut (970951) 10,30 Newsnight (Teletext) (391593) 11.15 Late Review (s) (916086) 12.00 The Limit (r) (s) (52384) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE The Works: Peter Green - A Hard Road

BBC2. 8.00nm In the long list of the casualties of rock, Peter Green has a sadly prominent position. But at least he is still with us and after a gap of 30 years, beginning to play again. As a blues guitarist he once ranked with Jimi Hendrix and Eric Clapton and his band, Fleetwood Mac, was more popular than the Beatles. Then he was sucked into the American drug culture, made too many trips with LSD and spent the Seventies and Eighties in and out of mental institutions. The film charts his slow and tentative comeback. He has a new band and a personal manager. Michelle Reynolds, prepared to be patient and understanding. Modest gigs in Yorkshire and Surrey are a long way from the glory years and Green knows that he will never shake off his itlness completely. But it is a start and the audiences seem pleased to see him.

Channel 4, 8.00pm

Adam Faith is back with more tips on making money and cutting costs. The slick presentation ensures high entertainment value, which is largely what the show is about, but there is hard information as well. Tonight's weightiest item, in which a 25-year-old first-time buyer shops around for a mortgage, could easily have the filled the programme on its own. As it is we get a breathless toing-and-froing between the rival offers of a bank and a building society with the minimum of explanation. Dosh is more successful when it tackles lighter subjects, such as building up a wardrobe from charity shops or realising the best prices from the contents of an attic. Piers Corbyn, the unorthodox weather forecaster who starred in a BBC documentary this year, has a supporting role this time.

Canterbury Tales Channel 4, 9.00pm

Ian Hislop concludes his shrewd and witty survey of the Church of England by considering its postwar prelates. Being Hislop, he mischievously suggests that the Christian leader with the firmest grip on archbishop but Margaret Thatcher. Lord Runcie, much in the news recently, provides more lively copy as he recalls being on the sharp end of Thatcherite wrath. Hislop offers delicious vigneties of Archbishops Geoffrey Fisher, a traditionalist who attacked commercial television and Premium Bonds, and Michael Ramsey, who looked a hundred but was the same age as Cary Grant. Trendy vicars, ever-declining congregations and the current row over homosexual priests are the other main props of a programme which manages at the same time to be both irreverent and sympathetic.

BBC2, 9.30pm

The series about the welfare state travels to one of its bleakest outposts. Ten miles from Glasgow, a disused military camp has been by the Department of Social Security. Officially it is called a resentlement unit. But to the residents it is the spike, the modern version of the Victorian workhouse. These are society's outcasts: vagrants, alcoholics, drug addicts. A quarter need psychiatric help. But this is the last spike in Britain and it is soon to close. Government policy is to transfer responsibility for the itinerant poor to charities and local authorities. The film uses the Scottish example to explore the implications of changing a system which goes back to the Elizabethan Poor Law. Perhaps surprisingly, some of the spike's staff are sorry to see it go. Peter Waymark 6.00am GMTV (7805241)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s) 9.55 Regional News (6563390)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (23048) 10,30 This Morning (27880154) 12.20pm Regional News (7740390) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (3482932)

12.55 Shortland Street (8) (3490951) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (6442628) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (27008609) 2.25 Quisine (Teletext) (s) (27087116) 2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (9196680) 3.20 News (Teletext) (5795680)

3.25 Regional News (5794951) 3.30 The Riddlers (9953338) 3.40 Wizadora (s) (6373067) 3.50 Old Bear Stories (s) (9957154) 4.05 Scooby Doo (4918116) 4.15 Woof! (r) (Teletext) (s) (185203) 4.45 it's a Myslery (Teletext) (7383244)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (8508796) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (776715) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (223609) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (474222)

7.00 Emmerdale, Chris makes an unforeseen discovery (Teletext) (s) (3195)

7.30 The Big Story. Dermot Murraghan meets the people with so much money to burn they need professional advice on how to spend it (Teletext) (s) (96) 8.00 The Bill. An anonymous tip-off leads Crott and Daly to a suspected rapist, but can they muster the evidence to get a conviction? (Teletext) (9593)

8.30 Schoffeld's TV Gold. Phillip Schoffeld presents clips from Carry on Doctor, Shelley and a contribution from the late

Tommy Cooper (Teletext) (s) (8629)



9.00 Taggart: Dead Man's Chest. In the last of a three-part story, the net begins to close in on the surviving members of the bullion robbery gang, after the death of Billy MacLean (Teletext) (s) (7609) 10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (27593)

10.30 Regional News (516425) 10.40 The West Story. Two mothers from Pristol tell their own moving stories of how

they struggle to maintain a normal life for their daughters who suffer brain damage and severe sensory impairment (Teletext) 11.10 The West This Week, From Blackpool (973796)

11.40 Swift Justice (s) (624593) 12.35 The War of the Worlds (s) (7775907)

1.30 Not Fade Away (3233758) 2.25 Flux (s) (9555075) 3.30 Late & Loud (r) (s) (67723)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place (1) (s) (48384) 5.00 Garden Calendar (r) (91988) 5.30 Morning News (57839)

As HTV WEST except 6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (474222) 7,30-8.00 Fishlock's Wild Tracks (96) 10.40 The Ferret (313864) 11.10 A Sporting Double (193048) 12.10am The Big Story (4088443)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.55 Emmerdale (3490951) 1.25-1.55 Quisine (37733721) 1,55 Home and Away (14040203) 2.25 Vanessa (27001796) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (8574834) 5,10-5,40 Home and Away (8508796) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (62154) 10.30 Westcountry News (507777) 10.45 A Day in the Life (477796) 11.15 Power Game (474609)

11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (157406) CENTRAL

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5,10-5.40 Shortland Street (8508796) 6.25 Central News and Weather (231628) 6.55-7.00 Life Line (455636) 10.40 Crime Stalker (591486) 11.40 London Bridge (579154) **12.10am Revelations** (5114742)

**12.45 Planet Rock Profiles (76568)** 1.15 Funny Business (66181) 1.45 Not Fade Away (3143181) 2.40 Flux (5937452) 3.35 The Crime Hour (6946758)

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English Programme 11.20 Film and
Video Showcase 11.40 The Spanish se 11.40 The Spanish Programme (142241)

12.00 Wild West Country (Teletext) (24406) 12.30pm Backdate (Teletext) (52777) 1.00 Sesame Street (r) (6249999) 1.55 The Living Sea (14048845)

2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.25 races (s) (23549672) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (39) 5.00 Ricki

Lake (Teletext) (s) (2000999) 5.45 Travelog Treks (Teletext) (s) (389654) 6.00 Eerie Indiana (r) (s) (74) 6.30 Hollyoaks (Teletext) (s) (54) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (9067)



Adam Faith's financial tips (8.00pm)

8.00 Dosh. Adam Faith again fronts the essential guide to making the most of your money (Teletext)

8.30 Brookside. Susannah gives Max an ultimatum about the children and Jimmy offers a helping hand to his son (Teletext)

(S) (997U) 9.00 Canterbury Tales. Ian Histop concludes his investigation into the history of the Church of England since the turn of the century by looking at

the period from 1945 to the present day (3/3) (Teletext) (s) (8951) 10.00 FILM: David's Mother (1993) with Kirshe Alley and Michael Goorijan, Powerful and moving award-winning drama about a woman whose obsessive caring for her brain-damaged son drives her and daughter away and almost ruins the boy's chances of making progress at a special school. Directed by Robert Allan

Ackerman (Teletext) (s) (595970) 11.45 Four-Mations: Continental Passions. Animations from Europe (1/6) (464222) **12.15am Kids in the Hall** (75839)

12.45 Four-Mations: Shorts. A chance to see in their entirety three films previewed in Continental Passions (s) (1408487)

1.30 FRLM: Torch Song (1953) with Joan Crawford and Michael Wilding. Romantic melodrama about a neurotically perfectblind accompanist-arranger. Directed by Charles Walters (398013)

3.10 FiLM: Strange Cargo (b/w, 1940) with offbeat melodrama about the escape of eight convicts from Devil's Island and the involvement of their leader with a goodtime girl. Directed by Frank Borzage (451926) Ends at 5.10

 For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

7.00am Undun (17715) 9.00 Press Your Luck (\$356970) 9.20 Jeopaidy! (248357) 9.45 The Opan Wintery Show (3871357) 10.40 Real TV (2799338) 11.10 Salv Jessy Raphael (2775721) 12.00 Geraldo (84390), 1.00pm 1 to 3 (51661) 3.00 Jenny Jones (30767) 4.00 The Oprah Wintery Show (19512) 5.00 Quantum Leap (4777) 6.00 The New Adventures of Superman (80574) 7.00am Undun (17715) 9.00 Press Your The New Adventures of Superman (805/4) 7.00 LAPO (5406) 7.30 M*A*S*H (4318) 8.00 Through the Feyhole (4154) 8.30 Southenders (3661) 9.00 Introders (50357) Southenders (3667) 9.00 Introders (50357) 10.00 Quantum Leap (20116) 11.00 The New Adventures of Superman (97951) 12.00 Midnight Calter (35346) 1.00mm LAPD (45758) 1.30 Real TV (89636) 2.00 Hri Ma. Long Play (51839)

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SKY NEWS Worldwide news coverage with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours day, seven days a week SKY MOVIES

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Taking Liberty (1994) (5798592) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Brasher Doubloon (1947) (75257) 7.30 The Polar Bear King (1992) (75250) 5.00 Zoo Robbery (1973)

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4.00pm Shall We Dance? (1937) (7338) 6.00 Phing Leethernacks (1951) (91334) 8.00 Scrooged (1988) (18319) 10.00 The Accused (1988) (17059) 11.55 A History of the World Part 1 (1961) (7057)5/ 1.35em The Bridges at Toke-Pi (1954) (907659) 3.20-4.85 The Story of Vernon and Irane Castle (1939) (956039) THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
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SKY SPORTS 1 7.00em Sky Sports Centre (31319) 7.30 Superstars (98222) 8.30 Wresting — Superstars (98222) 8,30 Racing News (41222) 9,00 Sky Sports Centre (32574) 9,30 Aerobics (79983) 10,00 Ascan Football Show (49338) 11,00 (29574) 10,000 Asian Football Show (48:28) 11,000 Women's Golf German Open (29:574) 12,000 Aerobios (52338) 12,30pm Fulbol Mundiel (90:609) 1,000 Grats Roots Rugby (23390) 1,300 Inside the PGA Tour (76:60) 2,000 WICC World Team Darfs, Day Two—Live (28:7048) 4,59 Sky Sports Centre

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England coach's sobering thoughts

## Hoddle plans new national health service

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GLENN HODDLE'S new England is taking shape, with distinctive and sober departures from the manner in which Terry Venables achieved the minimum for a nation hosting the European championship, the semi-finals, at Wembley a few months ago. When the players return to the stadium next Wednesday, for a World Cup qualifying game against Po-land for which 60,000 tickets have already been sold, the spectators can be sure of one thing: whatever their team sweats out that night, it will

not contain alcohol. The England squad gathered at Bisham Abbey yesterday. They will now be cloistered in their hotel at Burnham Beeches and let out occasionally to train at Wembley. All else, for the next seven days, will be off-limits.

This new way of living excludes everything else for seven days and seven nights: no family visits, no girlfriends, no nightlife. And yet it will be humane. The players can, with permission, and with Hoddle's blessing, get out on the golf course or go fishing on Sunday, so long as they eat, sleep and think football

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Hoddle was pressed on whether this might not be a recipe for high carbohydrate boredom. "Who knows? There might be some players who get bored with their families,"

"This is the way they do it

abroad," Hoddle, who had his halcyon days as a player with Monaco in the South of France, said. "If we're going to go forward and do well at this level, there has to be a certain amount of sacrifice, it cannot be done without commitment. That's what I feel is needed. it is the way I want things done. and the players will have to

One can hear, from the length and breadth of the country, relief that here, apparently, is a new coach - a man-manager -- intent on cleaning up the image of the game: intent, moreover, on ensuring that under his re-

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gime there will be no question of players preparing in the dentist's chair, but rather dedicating themselves solidly for seven days to the task in However, before imagina-

tion runs rife and we consider that Hoddle has set an assault course against the freedom of the individual, hear him out. "Image is not the priority." he said. "Three points, in this match and others until we qualify for the World Cup, is number one. I happen to believe that players perform

best when they eat properly,

rest properly, and prepare in a

controlled environment Will they have a drink? Of course. schoolkids. I need to treat them like adults. They'll have a few beers over the weekend . if they wish to."

While the coach was setting out his criteria, insisting that although his home is closer than the players' to Bisham Abbey, he will not be going home this weekend, one looked across at Dominic Matteo. The Liverpool centreback, a possible libero for England's future, is the "baby" of the squad. He arrived with a niggling knee injury that required an injection to quell inflammation after the game at West Ham United on Sunday. He stood, a forlorn figure, on the edge of training yesterday. His inclusion,

emphasises that change is about to be tactical as well as temperamental. Matteo, when England were progressing in the European championship, was fifth choice centre back at Anfield. He shakes his head even now, considering the way the Liverpool coaching staff kept him going. They were telling me to keep at it, telling me that it was about improving my mental attitude rather than anything else. Obviously it was frustrating, because I was so close to Robbie [Fowler]; it wasn't jealousy, but you want to be doing it yourself."

He talked, openly and honestly, of needing to improve facets of his game. "I wouldn't say I am a tackler," he said. Neither did he look comfortable when Slaven Bilic and Marc Rieper were thrown at Liverpool in aerial combat on Sunday. Yet, he is on the brink of England selection.

important that you've got a good touch, that you can pass the ball, read the game," Matteo said. There lies the key to Hoddle's new road: he wants to build the game up from defence.

The coach enthused at Bisham yesterday over the leaner. condition and application of The Manchester United

Paul Gascoigne. "I played him with a little bit of risk in Moldova, because he had an Achilles problem and wasn't 100 per cent," he said. "Look at they had a long-standing club commitment at Old Trafford.

him, he's now fitter, he looks

contingent was not present But, once installed, they will when the seven-day concentration camp opened vesterday: Hoddle found the time to be flexible, allowing them to clock in this morning because

be asked for the sacrifice, the commitment of the others. heard João Saldanha, the

Hoddle points to Brazil. Thank goodness he never maverick coach who built the incomparable Brazil team of

Upder control: Hoddle, left, keeps a close eye on Gascoigne during training at Bisham Abbey yesterday 1970 "We make all these rules in our camp," Saldanha said. "but they are rules for the press. I tell you, some of my players are bandits, and if they want to drink or do other things, my number one rule is

that the press don't find out."

**Brighton** likely to escape heavy punishment By JOHN GOODBODY

BRIGHTON and Hove Albion Football Club could escape having three points deducted despite the three pitch invasions that marked their Na-tionwide League third division match against Lin-coln City at the Goldstone

Ground on Tuesday. As Brighton supporters threatened to demonstrate this weekend at the Lanca-shire home of Bill Archer, the club chairman, the FA said it would study the reports of the referee and its observer before deciding whether to go ahead with the suspended sentence hanging over the dub.

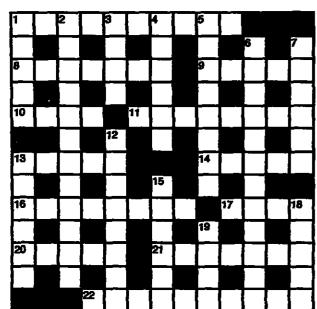
Last April, the Brighton followers, irale at the sale of the Goldstone Ground and the uncertainty surrounding the club's future, invaded the pitch after the home game against York City. The FA imposed a suspended sentence of a three-point deduction and having to play one match behind closed doors.

However, Steve Double, the FA spokesman, said yester day: "At least it was a peaceful protest and that will be taken into account. We are relieved that no one was injured and that there were none of the scenes that surrounded the charge has to be brought for the possibility of a suspended sentence to come into effect."

Ian Hart, an official of the Brighton Independent Supporters' Association, said yesnumber of Brighton followers would he distributing leaflets in Archer's home village this weekend. There is deadlock in regotiations between the Brighton board and the consortium, which is attempting to buy the club.

Another club whose future is uncertain is Wimbledon. who are attempting to move to Dublin from their present home at Selhurst Park An Irish consortium, led by Paul McGuinness, the manager of the rock group U2, and Owen O'Callaghan, the Cork propsale terms with the Premier ship club. Uefa, football's European governing body. said vesterday it was against the move, although the consortium is believed to have taken advice that if Uefa tried to block the proposal, it could be charged with restraint of

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### Walkinshaw shows reasons why Hill will have licence to thrill Oliver Holt takes a look behind the scenes

Hill's fate flung open the doors of his state-of-the-art factory yesterday and gave a captivated audience a glimpse of why the driver who could be Formula One motor racing world champion has chosen to join his team next year. It was like a scene from a James Bond movie in there and Tom Walkinshaw, the man with all the answers. was revelling in

his role as Dr Yes. Last week. Hill took the tour, too, past the workshops where men in white coats and masks pore over machinery, through the huge drawing offices where designers crunch numbers into their computers, into the cavernous room that houses the giant autoclave where the chassis are fired. It worked its magic. Before he left, he had agreed to

drive for TWR Arrows next His decision shocked the vast majority of observers in the sport who all expected him to plump for either Jordan or Stewart Grand Prix. but they had not seen what Hill had seen. Walkinshaw's brand new centre of high-technology hidden away among Cotswold stone at Leafield, in deepest Oxfordshire, puts even the facilities of Williams

and McLaren in the shade. Arrows is now in name only the same team that has contested 287 grands prix without registering a single victory. Even its name would be different if other team owners did not object to the change to TWR proposed by Walkinshaw when he bought a controlling interest in it earlier this season.

The last remnants of the old team, though, will be cast off when this season ends at the at the hi-tech headquarters of TWR Arrows But he saw here the ingredients that he knows he needs if he is ever likely to win a race again. We were reasonably confident that, if we could get

That future, Walkinshaw insisted yesterday, will hold podium finishes for Hill next season and possibly even the odd win. With a quiet confidence, the Scot who inspired Benetton's rise and rise with Michael Schumacher, also predicted that TWR Arrows would be fighting "head-tohead" with Williams for the constructors' championship

Japanese Grand Prix at

Suzuka a week on Sunday and the future will begin.

'I think Damon was surprised when he came here last week," Walkinshaw said. "He thought that after Williams. with the options he had available to him, he would be

him to the factory, he would be WOR OVER. "This Arrows is different to the Arrows of before. We had what we inherited and there was very little we could do about it this season. We decided immediately to focus all our

energies on next year's motor

car and Damon has had a

pretty good insight into what it will be like. "We have set various goals and they are realistic goals. The first thing is to get Damon on the podium so that he can get a smell of success. We expect to get several podium



Walkinshaw at the Oxfordshire factory of the TWR Arrows team yesterday. Photograph: Stuart Harrison

the podium, there is no reason why we cannot win one or two grands prix. We want to be in the top five constructors next year, the top three the year after that and challenging for

the championship by 2000." Walkinshaw said he would not ask Hill to start testing for the team until at least a month after the Japanese Grand Prix, a race where he needs one point to secure this year's title from his Williams-Renault team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, because the Englishman would be either too elated or too downcast to concentrate on the job before then.

But he confirmed that Hill, who has signed a one-year deal worth £4 million, will be involved in a heavy testing programme aimed at integrating the new elements of the team's technical package, mainly Yamaha engines and Bridgestone tyres. Walkinshaw said he expected next season's car to be available for its first test in the second week in January.

Damon has got to show the world that he can deliver results in a motor car other than a Williams," Walk-inshaw said. "I want him to be the catalyst to extract the performance out of everyone in the company, the centre of focus. If everything goes well we will sit down early and negotiate a long-term deal."

At one stage of the tour, Walkinshaw, 50, pointed out a wooden shed in the grounds of the site, once used by Scott of the Antartic to prepare for his ill-fated expedition. Anyone who had thought Damon Hill was setting out on some fruitiess journey into a wilder ness though, was already thinking again.

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Customer benefits delayed as Ofgas makes MMC referral

## British Gas rejects price cuts

GAS consumers will have to wait an extra six months for a proposed average £28 cut in their annual bills, Ofgas, the industry regulator, said

The rejection by British Gas of a new price formula for Transco, its pipeline business, has forced Oigas to refer the pricing issue to the Monopo-Mergers and

British Gas said the new



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formula would lead to a £400 million drop in annual revenues, preventing efficient levels of investment in the pipeline system and threatening dividend payments to

Fishard Giordano, the British Gas chairman, said: "We will get a reasoned look at the problem by the MMC. Frankly, we see little prospect that we could do worse. The cuts are so large that we are seriously

concerned as to whether there will be adequate resources to sustain what is really a firstclass quality distribution systern, the best in the world."

Yesterday's moves follow months of negotiations be-tween Ofgas and British Gas over the pricing formula. In May, Clare Spottiswoode, the Director-General of Gas Supply, published her initial pricing proposals, which included a price cut of 20 per cent in the

The arguments that fol lowed centred around the basis on which the company's costs and assets were to be calculated. In August, Ms Spottiswoode made a few minor concessions which she is now threatening to withdraw.

She said: "Ofgas's proposals would provide substantially lower prices to customers while ensuring that British Gas could continue to finance its transportation business.

"So far as shareholders are concerned, our proposals ensure a fair return on the portion of each shareholder's interest in the transportation

Ms Spottiswoode also accused British Gas of running a campaign to blacken her name, using psychological profiles of her. This campaign had been a waste of time and effort, she said, because it would not influence her decision or the MMC.

"I was told by several ources that British Gas had psychological profiles done of me. If these profiles were accurate they would know that I won't be intimidated by their public campaign against me,"

British Gas vehemently denied blackening Ms Spottiswoode's name or commissioning psychological profiles of Ms Spottiswoode will officially make the referral to the MMC on Monday. The inquiry is expected to last six months.

The Gas Consumers' Coun-



Clare Spottiswoode claims she has been the subject of a smear campaign by British Gas but will not be intimidated

cil said it was disappointed by the referral but not surprised. lan Powe, the director, said: "It will be well into next year before consumers know whether their high hopes of lower gas bills will be met. But too much was at stake for either side to back down.

"Defeat for British Gas

would devalue its asset base and prompt predators to pick the pieces at bargain prices. Deleat for Ofgas could signal an end to a regulatory system where one person can influence the fortunes of millions of shareholders and millions of consumers.' In the wake of the increas-

ship with Ms Spottiswoode, British Gas yesterday also called for a general overhaul of regulatory framework. Philip Rogerson, the deputy chair-man, said: "I think the regulation system probably requires some amendment. I think it naturally leads to confronta-

ingly acrimonious relation-

tion. It puts a great deal of power in the hands of one ind-ividual, the regulator in one particular industry or company. In that respect it probably requires an overhaul."
British Gas shares closed 6½ p lower at 193p.

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### **Power** struggle looms for Grid

By Keith Rodgers

THE prospect of National Grid taking its hattle with Offer, the electricity regulator, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission loomed large yesterday as the watchdog stuck to its tough stance on transmission price controls.

Professor Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, made only modest changes to the proposals he published earlier this summer, despite coming under fierce attack from the company last month. His probenefit by almost £1 billion over the next four years, resulting in an annual saving of around £4 on a £300 bill.

National Grid, which has until October 30 to respond to the proposal, refused to comment in detail yesterday. However, analysts argued that there is an even chance that it will seek an MMC inquiry.

Union reaction was also strong, with the Engineers' and Managers' Association arguing that the proposal will result in 800 job losses and that Britain could face blackouts if there is another hurricane.

Under Professor Littlechild's proposal, prices will be cut 20 per cent in the first year, followed by a limit of RPI-4 in the next three years. Operating costs will have to fall at least 4 per cent per year, cost of capital is set at 7 per cent and capital expenditure has been raised by

In the controversial area of isset valuation, Professor Littlechild raised his initial figure by £150 million to £4.15 - still far below National Grid's own estimate -after rethinking his assessment of the Grid's telecommunica-

tions arm, Energis. Analysts said earnings per share could fall by 30 per cent as a result of the review, with one suggesting that a sale of Energis is now essential.

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### **BUSINESS TODAY**

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### Removal bill

The North Sea oil industry faces an £8.7 billion bill to remove abandoned oil rigs. an energy consultant reported resterday. The top three oil companies, Shell, Esso and BP face a combined bill of E3.5 billion. The calculations follow Shell's problems with the Brent Spar platform.

### New Labour

Businesses think new Labour is more in touch with its needs although they still lack confidence in its ability to manage the economy. They believe income tax would rise.

## Markets wary on US jobs figures

By GEORGE SIVELL

MARKETS slipped back from record levels yesterday in anticipation of American monthjobs figures due to be published later today. The jobs figures have

caused mayhem on markets several times this year and. after the Fed's decision to hold interest rates, greater nervousness is expected, especially if economy shows signs of strong growth.

Yesterday, however, the US Commerce Department reported that new orders to American factories tumbled at the sharpest rate in 312 years during August Orders were down a sur-

prisingly steep 1.9 per cent to a seasonally adjusted \$311.1 billion, the largest monthly decline since a 2.2 per cent decrease in January 1993. Backlogs of unfilled orders veakened and inventories mounted.

The August decline more than crased a 1.7 per cent July orders gain. Separately, the Labour Department reported new applications for jobless

pay were steady last week at 340,000, the same as in the prior week, though a fourweek moving average picked up for a seventh straight week. Both of these numbers

support the view that the economy will be moderating for the balance of the year. said one analyst. For the monthly figure due later today, economists expect payrolls to rise 166,000 for

September, considerably slow-er than the 250,000 increase in August. Average hourly earnings and the American unemployment rate are expected to ncrease marginally. Robert Rubin, Treasury Secretary, asked about the factory orders fall-off, said there was

no cause for worry about the economy if a six- to 12-month view was considered. He said: "I think far and away the most likely scenario continuation of solid growth, obviously not at the

Markets, page 26

### **Tunnel** joy tempered by banks

By Jonathan Prynn TRANSPORT

EUROTUNNEL faced a double threat to its refinancing plans yesterday as it hinted that trading in its shares, suspended on Monday at 114p, would resume early next week.

Bankers in the 225-strong syndicate of lenders to the company tried to damp down the the euphoria generated by news of the breakthrough in the talks with the Channel Tunnel operator, giving warning that the deal could still collapse.

A banking source said that today's meeting of the 26 leading banks in the syndicate would not simply rubber stamp the plans, it would only take one bank to object for the deal to be in difficulty. However, everyone was "very optimistic".

In a separate development, the head of a Eurotunnel shareholders assame level as the second sociation in France attempted to block the deal in a Paris commercial court.

### **Stock Exchange** unveils reforms

By Robert Miller

unveiled plans yesterday to introduce the most radical changes since Big Bang to the way in which shares in the top 100 companies are traded.

Officials at the Stock Exchange, at the publication of the operational and regulatory framework document for the introduction of automated order-driven trading for FT-SE 100 stocks, said the new system would benefit both institutional and retail investors.

Gavin Casey, chief executive of the Stock Exchange, said the new trading system should be ready by the end of next year and could lead to lower dealing costs for private investors. Under the system, investors

will place orders through Stock Exchange member firms, such as stockbrokers. Once these are placed on the universal order book, the buy or sell instructions will be executed at the best possible price. The exchange said the new system would create "a level playing field" for all investors and will not just favour the professional

THE London Stock Exchange traders. If institutional investors want to broker much larger deals they will be allowed to do so "off the order book" until the transaction is actually conducted. At that stage, it

will automatically be flagged up by the new trading system. Plans to extend the order driven trading programme to company shares outside the FT-SE 100 index will be considered, but the primary aim of the new service will be to add liquidity to the London markets, including other exchanges such as those cover-

ing futures and options.

London's place in the global and 24-hour electronic trading system will also be enhanced But the Stock Exchange said that for London truly to capitalise on its position, the 0.5 per cent stamp duty im-posed on all share purchases should be abolished. Exchange officials declined to estimate how much business London was losing as a result of the stamp duty.

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### Share option gains averaging £140,000 share option excesses has been the exercise of them by 156 per cent, the large profits taken by directors of the

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

COMPANY directors exercising share options this year are making average gains of £140.000 - with some going as high as £1 million, according to a new analysis today of this key element

of boardroom pay packages.
Research from Incomes Data Services, the independent pay analysts, on ISI share option grants exercised in the first three months of this year by 116 directors in 75 companies, shows that

average profits were £139,559, though this figure was pushed up by a small number of very large gains.

Share options - the right to buy shares in the future at a previously fixed price — formed a controversial part of the row over top corporate pay, which led to last year's Greenbury report on boardroom pay packages. They are being examined again by the inquiry into corporate governance being chaired by Sir Ronald Hampel, chairman of ICI.

The lowest profit represented in the quarter was a director of Hillsdown Holdings, at just £338. On average, share prices rose be-In the public's eye, the worst of the tween the granting of options and the

privatised utilities. A number of these

topped the £1 million mark causing a

political outcry. A director at

Eurotherm, the electronics manufac-

turer, made profits representing more

than El million, as did directors at

Thorn EMI and Manchester United.

study shows. It also suggests that directors are reluctant to hold on to their share options for too long after they mature because of the number of company takeovers and changed tax

In the past, the median length of time that directors held on to their options rose from 49 months in 1991 to 66 months in 1994. But the median is now back down to 48 months, which IDS says is a "sharp break" from

## Managers warmer towards Labour says institute poll On specific Labour issues.

THE business community thinks new Labour is more in touch with its needs though it still lacks confidence in Labour's ability to manage the economy and strongly believes income tax would rise under a vey evidence today shows.

Leaders of the Institute of Management, which represents more than 73,000 individual managers and 700 corporate member firms, employing three million people, polled a sample of managers on business attitudes to new Labour in the week of its party conference in Blackpool.

According to the IoM's survey, published today, as many as 81 per cent of the managers polled believe that new Labour is more in touch with business than the old Labour Party, and the Institute says today on the basis of its findings that "key Labour policies are now finding favour with managers".

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tice.

59 per cent think Labour is right to propose a windfall tax on the profits of the privatised utilities, while the same number believe a minimum wage set at as much as £4 an hour higher than any figure a Labour government would be likely to set — would not "significantly" increase their employment costs, though 28 per cent believe it would.

As many as 93 per cent of the sample of 380 managers advocate full involvement in negotiations over a single currency, with the same number maintaining that the UK should be involved in any negotiations on European social chapter proposals - in spite of the Conservative Government's opt-out from it.

But managers remain sceptical about Labour's economic competence, with more than half -- 56 per cent -- believing that Labour does not have a clear strategy for the UK

economy, and clear majorities saying that a Labour government could not be trusted to control government borrowing, at 60 per cent of those sampled, government spend-ing, at 61 per cent, and to keep inflation low and under control, at 63 per cent.

Britain's managers are also making clear their concern about how a future Labour government might affect their own incomes and taxes, with as many as 78 per cent saying that they believe an increase in income tax would be more likely under Labour, and three fifths believing they personally would be worse off with a Labour government

The IoM plans to conduct a similar poll during next week's Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth, which Institute leaders believe will offer the opportunity for a direct comparison of the current state of business opinion on the main political parties.



Tony Blair's policies are finding favour with business

### Rank talks over Hard Rock plan

By RICHARD THOMSON

RANK ORGANISATION has confirmed that it is hold-ing talks with Donald Trump. the US property developer, to convert an Atlantic City casino into the trappings of the famous Hard Rock Café.
The deal would require

Rank to "retheme" the entire Trump Castle casino and hotel and install a Hard Rock Café inside. It would take 100 per cent of the revenues from the cafe and Mr Trump would continue to take the revenues generated by the casino and

Jim Berk, chief executive of the restaurant company, said: This is an opportunity for creating a niche in a City that does not get much of the 21 to 40-year-old age group. Right now we're not taking a stake in the casino. We do not have a gambling licence or the management expertise to han-

Hard Rock is already in-stalling a restaurant inside Mr Trump's Taj Mahal casino. also in Atlantic City. which is due to open in November. The aim is to attract a younger clientele to the gambling tables to counter growing competition.

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### **Deutsche Bank risks** strike over sick pay

DEUTSCHE BANK, Germany's largest commercial bank yesterday came under threat of industrial action after deciding to adopt a tougher sick-pay regime for its 40,000 German employees. The bank's move is based on new legislation introduced in Germany last Tuesday, which cuts salary payments to sick workers to 80 per cent of gross

wages, from 100 per cent.

Germany's banking unions have warned financial institutions that they will take strike action if sick pay is cut. The legislation has already caused labour unrest in the car industry. Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank's rival, has said that it will implement the new sick-pay laws.

### Martin on course

MARTIN International, which supplies clothes to Marks & Spencer, lifted its UK sales 22 per cent in the six months to June 30, after last year's management shake-up and extra productivity put it on course to return to profitability by the year end. Sales were £41.8 million (£33.8 million) at the halfway stage, while losses were £453,000 before tax (£1.34 million loss). Michael Kidd, chairman, said he was confident of much stronger progress in the second half. The divide a stays at 0.45p, to be paid on January 2.

### Millennium shares rise

SHARES of Millennium Chemicals, the former Hanson company which joined the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday, recovered from their post-flotation flop yesterday, as demand from US investors began to outpace the influx of shares from the UK. After opening at \$23 on Tuesday, the shares fell to \$212 on Wednesday, but hit a high of \$234 by early afternoon. Traders said that UK shareholders were still selling in bulk, mostly through reluctance to hold on to a US equity...

### Publishing 'buoyant'

PUBLISHERS from most countries at the world's biggest book fair yesterday described business as buoyant. The glaring exception was the US, where, said Alberto Vitale, chairman of Random House, "business is flat as a board". Frankfurt has drawn more than 9,200 publishers from 110 countries to its 1996 fair. About 80 per cent of all global rights are concluded there. Susan Blackwell, of the Australian Publishers Association, said: "Paper prices have stabilised. The chaos of last year is a thing of the past."

### European sales lift BWI

RESURGENCE in European markets helped BWI, the packaging and process machinery producer, to overcome shrinking sales at home, reporting pre-tax profits of 18.32 million (£7.1 million) in the year to July 31. Recovering demand for capital equipment lifted sales from continental Europe by 21 per cent, to £23.4 million, but the company gave warning that this growth had slowed. Overall, sales grew from £90.4 million to £97 million. An unchanged final dividend of 4.3p, payable January 3, makes the total 7.3p.

### **Warning on Jaguar**

DEMAND in the US for the Jaguar XK8, the new model on which much of the British luxury car manufacturers fortunes depend, is likely to be weak, experts said as the company begins filling showrooms with the car this week. The US the key market for Jaguar — owned by Ford — taking most of its annual output. "Sports cars are a dying shrinking market." said Peter Schmidt of Automotive Industry Data. One US dealer is offering titanium painted

### Irish credit growth up

THE IRISH REPUBLIC'S Central Bank will be forced to continue its tightrope act, trying to restrain private sector credit growth while maintaining the punt's value, after the adjusted annual rate of growth of private sector credit rose in 14.3 per cent in August, from 13.8 per cent in July. The annual rate of growth in residential mortgage lending climbed to 16.3 per cent, from 16.1 per cent. At the start of the year, the Central Bank said it wanted both figures at about 10 per cent. It fears medium-term inflationary pressures.

### US insurer reveals \$20m fraud

BY ROBERT MILLER

PRUDENTIAL Securities of America, the world's largest insurer which looks after \$271 billion, has confirmed that an employee in its Tokyo securities office had embezzied \$20

million from clients. The losses, which involved the misappropriation of stock certificates and cash by a Japanese employee, were discovered in June last year after an internal audit, the

Prudential's head office in New York said yesterday. The unnamed assistant, who had already left Prudential Securities (Japan) when the firm sold its membership of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in November 1994, confessed that the certificates had been misappropriated over a twoyear period between 1993 and 1995. The cash was embezzled on a single day.

A spokeswoman for the Prudential said: "The losses were covered by insurance and all clients have been reimbursed in full." She believed the matter was now in the hands of the Tokyo metropolitan police.

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### CBI caution on strength of sterling

THE Confederation of British Industry said yesterday that it is too early to tell whether sterling's strength is hurting British exporters.

The pound leapt above the DM2.40 mark yesterday for the first time since early 1995. before settling back to around DM2.3970 in late trading. Sudhir Junankar, the CB/1 associate director of economic analysis, said that he had not picked up any worsening in the situation for exporters 50 far but that the next industrial trends survey this month should give some insight into whether companies are

concerned. The pound's recent strength has been based on a variety of factors. It has profited from a positive view of the British economy, which has low inflation and accelerating growth as well as dollar strength. But another major factor has been the expectation that Labour will win the election and is more likely than the Conservative Party to take the pound into a single currency.

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### ☐ British Gas plumps for the MMC ☐ Reuters riles the Revenue ☐ Heading towards an order-driven market

Sid's cry for help

MOST boards dread a reference to the Monopolies and Maggers Commission. For Britis. Cas, it is a corporate cry for help. Management is stretched to breaking point by government intervention, by regulatory artack, by staff cuts, by accelerated changes in computer systems, by mounting losses on take-or-pay gas contracts, by the demerger recommended by the MMC last time, by proposed new structural changes, by the threat of a Labour levy and by the headlong fall of its stock market value among other things.

Conservatives meeting in Blackpool next week might recall that, ahead of the 1992 election. they were proud of the privatised gas industry, whether or not they were among its 1.7 million shareholders. They should ask why this great enterprise now looks at risk of collapsing.

Much of the blame rests with

government. Along with Ofgas, it rejected the 1993 MMC study, which recommended that full competition in the domestic market be left until 2000-2003 and be brought in with care. Instead it is being accelerated to 1998.

Ofgas's ludicrous price proposals for Transco, the core pipeline distribution business, bear little relation to conventional utility regulation. On British Gas forecasts, they would cut Transco's after-tax cash flow

by an average of £400 million a year from the present £721 million. Ofgas calculations were themselves dire. They implied that British Gas would have to slash its dividend, even if it met

Ofgas cost targets. The price cuts were needed to ensure that small domestic customers do not have to pay more under the new regime. So they assume that operating costs will fall faster, rather than rising in the short-term to cope with extra complexity.

Olgas has had to do some fancy conceptual footwork, arbitrarily cutting the allowed value of Transco assets and the depreciation Transco is allowed to charge its customers. That helps explain why British Gas should appeal to such a stern regulator-friendly body as the MMC. If the MMC rejects the appeal and says Ofgas is right on asset value and depreci-ation, it will also have to say it was itself wrong on these matters in

If the MMC's Graeme Odgers is brave, he will ask some tough questions about the purpose of regulation. Most people thought it to protect customers from profiteering and to give an incentive to efficiency. Ofgas is now proxy for a monopoly buyer, aiming to contract out services at the lowest feasible price. As the 9.5 per cent yield on Bri-

tish Gas shares shows, this view is short-term. Credit ratings are falling and the cost of capital rising sharply. In the long run, con-sumers will have to pay. Ofgas thinks Transco is virtually riskfree. Investors in Transco International, main successor to British Gas, should therefore insist that their risk capital is withdrawn as fast as possible in divi-dends and replaced with debt.

### Funds' loophole faces closure

☐ THE big pension funds have been supping so well and for so long at this particular Last Chance Saloon that someone had to call time eventually. That clever £613 million Reuters handout seems to have proved the last straw for the Inland Revenue, never an admirer of the tax laws surrounding share buybacks



and special dividends and the rewards they offer such funds. Readers who are not well up on tax law may not appreciate that every time a company with too much cash decides to hand some back to shareholders, the public exchequer has to make a contribution too. As the law

stands, when the company puts up the money, those shareholders who do not pay tax, and these include the big pension funds, can claim back the 20 per cent advance corporation tax already paid by the company itself. So a sum equivalent to any-thing up to a fifth of the amount

being handed out may be paid to those pension funds in addition by the public purse. The wrinkle was used by several of those

overseas companies who were buying British utilities a year ago to raise the value of their bids. As a result taxpayers, that is, you and me, may have helped a non-British taxpayer to pay for the purchase of our local electricity company, which is nice work if you can get it.

So far this year investors have received more than £7 billion from special dividends and buybacks, which is an awful lot of lost tax. The Revenue loathes this, naturally. Reuters's special dividend was such an innovatory and complex beast because an earlier share buyhack could not be repeated since the tax authorities refused to give it advance clearance. There was no guarantee this new scheme would not fall foul of the tax laws either, even if a couple of barristers had given their expensive opinion that it would not.

Whatever decision the Revenue comes too, the whole loophole could well be closed in next month's Budget. The City pen-sion funds will hate this, but their share of public sympathy is limited. What is so curious is that the Labour Party, in all its ranting about lat cats and corporate greed, should not have latched on to this one before the Chancellor did.

### SE compromise for all seasons

☐ DID Michael Lawrence fall on his sword in vain? The former Stock Exchange chief executive was fired at the start of the year for a number of reasons, but one had to do with the impiacable opposition of the old guard, those market-makers who now dominate the City, to his plans for order-driven trading.

Now the Stock Exchange has produced a document that appears neatly to reconcile the interests of the consumer, the active investor, with those market-makers. Such a compromise, his detractors say, might have been more difficult had the abrasive Mr Lawrence still been in charge. Whatever. The technicalities need not concern us, but as from some time late next year an electronic bulletin board. or order book, will log all reasonably sized trades of FT-SE

100 companies that dealers want to make. This would largely, but not entirely, replace the present system of matched bargains conducted in private between consenting parties.

There is every possibility this will be extended further, to take in the next 150 stocks by size, for example. It will mean the price of such stocks will be much clearer, narrowing the spread between buy and sell. Retail investors will be largely unaffected unless they are dealing in size. But market-makers will still be able to trade off-market, using their own cap-ital and taking sizeable positions in the market — and risks. Such deals will be logged on the order book in an as yet undefined way to allow them some privacy.

### Payoff line

☐ THE news from Japan will lift the spirits of every downtrodden City worker worried about being downsized. An employee of Prudential Securities of the US reacted to being fired during cut-backs in Tokyo by embezzling \$20 million — it sounds even better in yen, Y2.2 billion — in cash and shares. There is no suggestion the money was paid back, and the whole thing was covered by insurance anyway. The broker only admitted the loss when it all came out in the

## Benchmark lands £113m London property portfolio

BENCHMARK GROUP, a shell property company with a market worth of only £3 million, is to be transformed into a business worth £100 million investing in real estate

in the West End. The company, whose shares were suspended yesterday, is acquiring London Capital Holdings, a portfolio of 14 central London properties. from Friends Provident for £113 million. The deal is being put together with the support of Hong Leong, a Malaysian conglomerate which is a leadingshareholder in Benchmark.

The nur Capital is a coup for Nigel Kempner, managing director of Benchmark, who is the former head of Randsworth Trust, which originally put together the London Capital portfolio. The deal brings back under his control major West End properties such as the

Derry and Toms building on Kensington High Street, as well as properties on Sackville Street and Sloane Street.

Mr Kempner sold Randsworth Trust to an American investment group led by JMB Realty for £250 million at the top of the property boom in 1989. The company later collapsed with heavy debts. The London Capital portfolio was taken over by Citibank and subsequently sold on to Friends Provident.

Mr Kempner said he had ioined forces with the Hong Leong group to create a substantial central London property group with the objective of creating a portfolio worth E500 million within five years.

The properties generate rents of £8.9 million and include a retail and office development opportunity at Bishopsgate in the City. Mr Kempner said the rental income would improve on the letting of vacant space. The refinancing will leave Benchmark 39 per cent geared, but the company intends to gear

The purchase is being financed with the issue of 41 million new shares to Friends Provident at 160p after a capital reorganisation. In turn, the insurer is selling on 20 million shares at the same price to First Capital Corporation, a company in which Hong Leong has an interest. A further £25.9 million of the purchase price is being raised in a placing and open offer of

17 million shares, also at 160p.

will be 35 per cent controlled by Priends Provident and 35 per cent controlled by companies related to Hong Leong Group. David Newbigging, deputy chairman of Friends Provident, is joining the Benchmark board, while Quek Leng Chan, head of Hong Leong, remains

## Reuters payout plan still lacks Revenue approval

REUTERS, the financial information company, is pressing ahead with plans to return £613 million to share-holders despite not having received clearance from the Inland Revenue for British shareholders (George Sivell writes). Yesterday, Reuters said that shareholders need to check their own

tax position. The creation of the special dividend shares is subject to shareholder approval at a special meeting next Wednesday. If approved, the shares will start trading on October 10. The Inland Revenue said yesterday that special dividends were "an area under close consideration".

The company sought advice from two leading counsels on tax matters before announcing its plans.

Reuters plans to pay £613 million back to shareholders over three years by creating special dividend shares. Each share would pay net dividends totalling 750p over the three years.

new special dividend share and 19 new ordinary shares for each 20 ordinary shares held. When the scheme was announced, Reuters shares were at 750p; yesterday they rose 22p to 756p.

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# Hamleys

quits early By Keith Rogers

new head

GEOFF CULLINAN, who was brought in as chief execu-tive of Hamleys, the toy group, to spearhead its strategic development, has quit after seven months in the job.

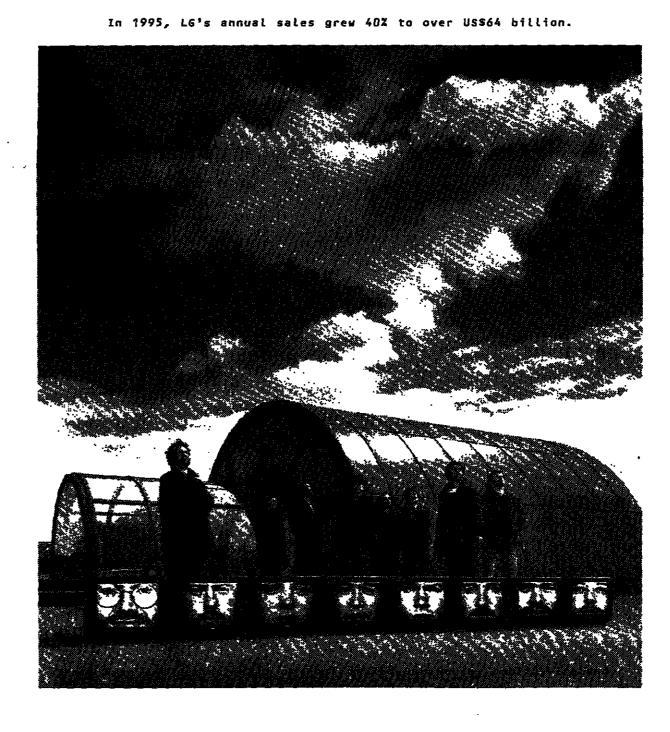
The announcement came as Hamleys unveiled an 18 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to E2 million for the six months to July 27, on turnover up 4 per cent to £11.4 million. Earnings per share increased by 12 per cent to 5.7p, while the interim dividend, due in the second half of November, rose from 2.7p to 3p per share.

pursue his other business interests". He joined Hamleys after a lengthy career in consultancy. Howard Dyer, chairman, said: "It wasn'i quite right for him or for us. He was a consultant — I think we need a retailer." The group has expanded

Mr Cullinan is leaving "to

this year, opening a shop at Singapore Airport last month and granting Saudi Arabian Mr Dyer said the company

has a growing cash balance of £6.1 million and would consider a share buyback or special dividend in 18 months if it had





it's nice to meet you.

Howard Dyer says Hamleys needs a retailer as chief executive not invested elsewhere.

Inspirations warning costly

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

A PROFIT warning by Inspirations, the tour operator, wiped more than a third off the value of its shares yesterday, sending them falling

172p to a low of 862p.
The company said it had been hit by "substantial one off costs" relating to its airline subsidiary. Caledonian Airways, and would on break even in the year to September 30. Till summer season for holiday companies has heen far better than expected and the City had anticipated a 17.7 million year-end profit. The company said the problem related to its aircraft maintenance schedule but was unable to say

exactly what the final cost would be. Inspirations bought Caledonian from British Airways in 1994. Inspirations claims it was forced to lease other aircraft over the peak summer season because its engineering contractor failed to service the fleet on time. The company added that it planned to offer a final dividend of 2.72p a share, making a total for the year of 3.5p, unchanged from the previous year. Inspiration's larger tour operating rivals.

Airtours and First Choice, have not been affected by such problems. Both have cut capacity after a disastrous summer season last year. Wayne Sanderson, leisure analyst with Merrill Lynch, said Airtours had avoided having to introduce heavy discounting at the end of the season to shift unsold holidays.

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## Index hovers at 4,000 as profit-takers move in

AFTER the excitement of breaking the 4,000 level on Wednesday, the FT-SE 100 paused for breath yesterday.

Profit-taking in morning trading knocked the market 20 points lower, to 3,994.6, but the continuing strength of demand topped up by some flurries of takeover speculation, a stronger gilts market and weaker than expected factory order data from the US, helped to bolster prices.

By the close, the FT-SE 100 had edged back to close at 4,000 exactly, a fall of 15.1 points on the day, during which nearly 777 million shares changed hands.
Imperial Tobacco, the new-

ly demerged division of Hanson, continued to defy expectations as bid speculation pushed its shares higher. much discussed dawn raid from rival BAT failed to materialise, but Imperial shares rose to 429p fuelled by buying interest from the US. They then slipped back to close at 417p, up 13p. Hanson dipped a penny to 9012p.

The merger of the cross-Channel ferry businesses of rivals Stena and P&O in a move to increase competition with Eurotunnel was given a warm reception. Shares in P&O cruised ahead 20p to 645p on better profit expectations for the year.

Interest in British Gas shares dimmed after the group took its dispute with the regulator to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The shares slid 612p lower to 193p as analysts predicted several more months of uncertainty for them awaiting the MMC's deliberations.

BT ended 212p lower at 260p after announcing a revision of certain prices in line

with Oftel's requests.
Shares in National Grid held steady despite hefty vol-umes in the stock after the electricity industry regulator Offer published its pricing recommendations. The proposed 20 per cent cut in National Grid's transmission charge in the year to March 1998 provided no unexpected shocks and the shares ended

¹2p lower, at 178p. Rolls-Royce, the Aero engine group, made further progress, adding 3p to 257p after more positive City

Enterprise Oil continued its strong run in early trading, moving up to 599p before



No break for Inspirations, the holiday group, which lost 48p

up 3 p. Profit-taking knocked shares in BP 8'2p lower to 677p, while Lasmo ended 6p

lower at 219p. ICI lost some of its gloss after a profits warning from the Australian subsidiary in which it has a 62.5 per cent stake. ICI shares in London

slid back 2012p to 855p. Supermarket groups were in the spotlight as analysts holders that a number of one-

Rank Organisation saw its shares jump 14'2p to 441p after announcing plans to team up with Donald Trump, the US property tycoon. Rank is to open a Hard Rock Cafe at Mr Trump's Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City, the 61st in the

digested a new report on the sector. Safeway moved up 4¹2p to 340¹2p in response, while Sainsbury dipped 1¹2p to 367p. Kwik Save fell back 12¹2p to 317¹2p as recent bid

hopes appeared to fade. The market's recent strength helped a number of fund managers to make progress. Mercury Asset Management, boosted by a

off costs will mean a breakeven result for the year to September 30. Last year, it made pre-tax profits of £7.7 million. Shares in the group sank 48p to 8612p, marking a low point for the year.

Virtuality, the leisure and

SBC Warburg, rose 24'2p to £10.52, while Perpetual added 70p to 2342'2p. Confirmation of bid talks fuelled a 45 per

cent rise in the shares of New

Guernsey Securities, which

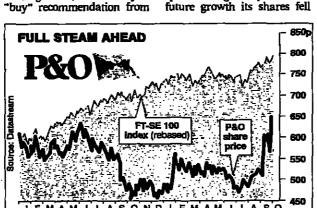
Inspirations, the package

holiday group, was also left on

the beach after a gloomy trading update warned share-

closed at 200p.

technology group, put a brave face on increased losses of £3.8 million at the half year. Despite a brighter picture on future growth its shares fell



of 66 ap on the day. Strong passenger figures for Septem-ber helped British Airways to climb 2p higher to 56112p. Passenger traffic increased by 5.3 per cent last month, with demand for its premium products up by 7.3 per cent.

The resignation of Geoff Cullinan, chief executive of Hamleys, the toy retailer, knocked the shares. Despite an 18 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits to £2 million, its shares fell 7p to 365¹20.

Increased half-year losses and no dividend payment at McDonnell Information Sys-tems left its shares 6'2p lower at 5412p while RAP, the safety clothing group, lost 1012p to 55p after pre-tax profits fell.

House of Fraser, the department store group, lost further ground after its interim losses and store closure plans announced earlier in the week. Its shares dropped 8p to

A clutch of new issues made good progress on their first day's trading. Ultra Electronics, the defence and aerospace group, marked up a 3712p premium on closing at 2872p.

Newcomer Oriental Restaurant, placed at 154p, leapt to a peak of 190p before closing at 18812p. Airtech, which supplies products to the cellular phone networks, ended its first

day's trading on AIM at 7512p.
Albright & Wilson, the chemicals group, saw its shares edge ahead by a penny to 19412p, despite worries earlier in the day about the seriousness of a fire at its Bristol plant

☐ GILT-EDGED: Strong early morning demand sent gilts to a peak of £110 ²³32 before a bout of profit-taking and caution ahead of further US economic data due today took the market back down.

By the close, the December series of the long gilt had moved to £109 2932, a net drop of E532 on the day. The volume of gilt contracts reached 113,000. In shorts, the Treasury 8 per cent 2000 ended £132 lower at £104 832, while in longs the Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was down £632 at £101

NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street drifted lower in the face of profit-taking and caution ahead of September's payroll report out today. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was 12.30 points lower at 5.921 67.

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### Wind in its sails

THE resurrection of P&O proceeds at an almost frantic pace. From a low point of 460p in January, the shares have now breached the £6 level and there is little reason to suppose they should not edge upwards to E7 - a rough and ready break-up value — by the year end.

The surge in the shares is well earned. The

merger of the P&O cross-Channel ferry operations with those of Stena should seal a large hole in the P&O vessel, the other being the company's container shipping operations, which last month entered into a joint venture with Nedlloyd. Both P&O businesses have been badly hit by competition, In the first half of 1996, ferry profits almost disappeared as Eurotunnel cut its prices. Ironically, the rescue of Eurotunnel by the banks could now help the ferries as a reconstructed tunnel operator will be compelled to keep sensible

finances and pay an interest bill. The purpose of the merger will be cost reduction and the prospect of pooling traffic on the Channel in order to take out capacity. Two ships are already scheduled to be taken out of service but more could be shed, raising the prospect of greater gains than the 175 million trumpeted by the company yesterday.

The risk is that competition authorities will scupper the deal or attach onerous conditions. That would be a quixotic move by the Government which lifted the prohibition on talks between the two companies. There is little reason for other ferry operators, such as Sea France, to complain. The removal of capacity will fill up their ships. Some control of pricing is a possibility but the real pricing mechanism on the Channel is Eurotunnel; a regulator would be superfluous.

again nudging £2, but investors too should be cautious.

The fortunes of steel firms

### **British Steel**

BRITISH Steel faces a dilemma. It would dearly love to expand the business; there are signs that steel prices in Europe are beginning to recover and there are (in theory, at least) opportunities to invest in Asia, where construction steel is in demand. This week, British Steel's chairman spoke hopefully of ventures in Eastern Europe. In the US, the company has successfully invested in mini-mills, taking advantage of a shortage of product in America.

Yet, British Steel remains cautious, and wisely so. Over £700 million of cash is available to invest but despite expeditions to India and further afield, to date the company has revealed no projects or investments. As time moves on, the pressure must grow for a share

will depend in part on n hotiations of long term coners, such as the auto industry are using less, not more steel tracts with the auto industry while at the same time which wants lower prices. shifting to plastics or aluminium Long term, it British Steel is a conservamakes sense for efficient tive company that will remember the last recession steel firms to hand back which cost it a lot of cash, surplus capital to investors. almost exactly £700 million. British Steel's price is once SAVING FOR A RAINY DAY

buyback or special dividend.

Steel is not a growth industry

in Europe - major consum-

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If the regulator wins the

would ease the pressure, and

the fact that an inquiry would

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in the Grid's calculations. The bulls argue that accep-

tance of the Offer proposal

may well boost the share

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PROPERTY developers be-

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Benchmark will not be the

first investor to retake control

of real estate owned in a pre-

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who has once again taken the

shares will drift.

Benchmark

### National Grid

AFTER the rage and tears over Offer's pricing proposals last month, National Grid's silence on yesterday's amended proposal from the regulator was deafening. It has until 30 October to respond, and the City reckons the chances of the Grid appealing to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission are a tantalising 50-50. With so much at stake no one is

expecting an early decision. Clearly, one of the Grid's principal complaints — that Stephen Littlechild's asset valuation proposals, key to the revenue calculations, are inconsistent and ill-found d"— has not been addressed y very modest changes to ne original proposal. The vo parties are nearly £1

illion apart in their valuaon of the assets and a mere 150 million climbdown on offer's assessment of the nergis business suggests

**DOLLAR RATES** 

### day, with or without an MMC inquiry, earnings per share are expected to fall by Kempner had the nouse to sell Randsworth Trust at 1. peak of the property cycle. After managing the proper-ties for Citibank, he is now in between 25 and 30 per cent up to 2001 and dividend control of some of the old prospects look poor, with growth forecast at around I Randsworth assets at his new per cent. A sale of Energis

vehicle. Benchmark. Priced at an initial yield of 7 per cent, the portfolio is not cheap but West End offices rents are rising and a shortage of supply should keep the market buoyant.

reins at Canary Wharf, Nigel

For Friends Provident, an institution overloaded with real estate, the deal offers a means of extracting some cash while securitising part of its interest in the proper-ties. Institutions are often poor property managers. collecting rents but rarely proactive in raising the returns from their investments. For small property companies seeking to expand, institutions have become fertile ground to realise their

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### Taxing times for Barclays

A DIRECTOR at Barclays Bank will appear at an industrial tribunal next week, to appeal against dismissal. Michael Kerridge, who is a director of si Barclays property subsidiaries, was forced to leave his post as deputy tax director in November last year, after he was accused of "misconduct" and "in-

competence" at work. Mr Kerridge, who is represented by Fox Williams, the City law firm, joined Barclays on December 31, 1990 to set up its property tax function at Westward Business Park in Coventry. Before that he was an accountant at Coopers & Lybrand. The allegations directed at Mr Kerridge, who is in his mid-forties, are said to be about "the right way of handling tax issues".

### Esprit de core

IN THE wake of Archie Norman, the new chief executive of Asda is making his mark with apples. Allin Leighton is leading the upermarket chain in its battle against EU regulations that make it illegal to sell apples less than 55mm in diameter. In defence of the small but perfectly rounded Cox. Leighton has ordered Ell.000 worth of apples. that's 29,400lb, to be given away this Saturday to hungry children who visit any, of Asda's 200 stores. Better than an uncurly cucumber.

### **Board switch**

THEY are changing jobs at Town and Country, the pany, where Theodore Agnew, the cordurov-clad managing director, is taking over the switchboard for the day. In a bid to improve customer relations. Agnew and Richard Mehmed, one of the directors, will be answering call while the lady normain on the switchboard heads off to discuss strategy in sales and marketing. Agnew's seat will remain vacant in his absence. however, as there is no one quite of his weight to take over at the helm.

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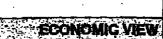


CITY slickers wondering w'at to spend their Cruistmas bonuses on could take a look at Harrods's seasonal catalogue. Undoubtedly, their eves will alight upon the exquisite hand-embroidered tablecloths on offer. In fine white organica. bordered with pure linen. the tablecloth's come in Swatow embroidery from the Kwangton region of China — a procedure that takes two years. No wonder then that the 12-seater tablecloths are priced at £12,000 each.

### Brief talk

SERIOUS Fraud Office beware, it looks like those hotshot lawyers acting on behalf of Peter "Gherkins" Young have something exciting up their sleeves, Monty Raphael, a senior partner at Peters & Peters, who also represented Robert Miller of Dunsdale fame, is speaking at a conference at the Unit for the Study of White Collar Crime p. Fof the Liverpool Business School. Mr Raphael's chosen topic is Compliance and how it can assist in successful criminal prosecution".

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INFLATION



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## Club Med should remain a holiday destination

Germans are

not keen on

allowing Italy and

Spain to join EMU

an they be serious? Do Italy and Spain really expect to become founder members of the single currency zone? To judge by the maniacal behaviour of world financial markets, there is no longer the shadow of a doubt. I reported in this column two weeks ago that EMU was now a "done deal" for Germany, France and the other Germandominated "core" countries of northern Europe. But it never occurred to me that the momentum of European integration was such that it would only take ten days for Spain. Italy and Portugal to graduate to this same Teutonic core.

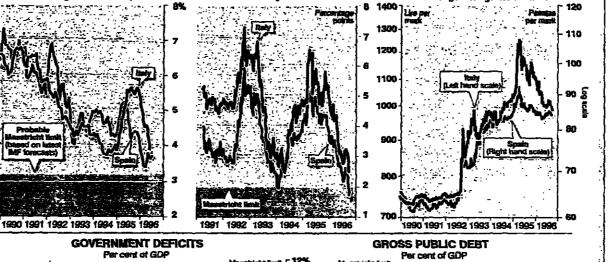
That, however, is what financîal markets seem to believe. . Italian bonds have jumped by eight full points in the past three weeks, with almost half this movement occurring in the past five days, on the sudden certainty that Italy will be in the first wave of countries to join the European monetary union. To put that in perspective, the entire annual movement of the US bond market last year. Spanish bonds have

moved even faster than Italy's, The question now is whether this sudden confidence about EMU will be followed by an equally spectacular collapse, perhaps even compara-ble to the explosion of the exchange-rate mechanism in September 1992, an event which was also triggered in Italy and Spain.

seems possible - though not yet by any means likely because a huge gap seems to have opened between market perceptions and political and economic realities. Many investors seem suddenly to believe that the Club Med countries (as Italy and Spain are affectionately known in the markets) can seriously expect to be admitted in the first round of EMU.

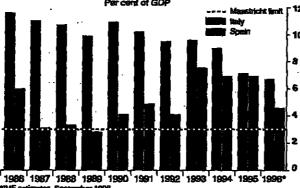
Yet political and economic realities say that this is well nigh impossible - certainly in the case of Italy. I say this as someone who has believed throughout the past four years that the political and economic prospects for Italy are far better than most investors realised. There is no doubt that Italy is one of Europe's strongest economies - with better long-term fundamentals than Germany, and perhaps even Britain or France. It is almost equally certain that Italy will move back gradually to financial solvency and that Italian interest rates will continue to fall, easing the burden of servicing its enormous pub-lic debt. It is possible that the new electoral system will lead to a period of political stability and honest government. But none of this will qualify it for EMU under the Maastricht

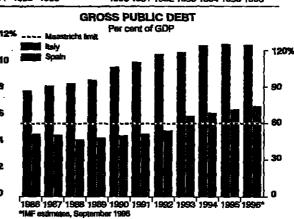
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have forgotten is that EMU is not just a rational economic arrangement, designed to maximise the welfare of all Europeans. It is a Byzantine strategic power gane, marked by a constant rebalancing of politics and economics, reality and deception, solidarity and betrayal. For Italy, all these considerations point to exclusion from EMU, at least in the

The first and most important reason why Italy must be EMU is German electoral politics. Helmut Kohl will face re-election in late 1998, about six months after the decision on which countries will join EMU. If he admits Italy, he will risk losing the election.
The idea of giving up the

first round.

mark is unpopular in Germany, but as the fateful date draws nearer the Germans seem to be developing a more refined analysis about the club they are about to join. When opinion polls ask German voters how they feel about belonging to a smaller "hard-money" club, consisting exclusively of the Teutonic nations plus France, rather than a Europe-wide monetary union, the answers are more favorable.

In one poll conducted late last year, voters opposed the idea of EMU in principle by a two-to one margin, but they supported a smaller grouping including Benelux, Austria and France by a margin of sixto-one. This is not just a case of cultural prejudice.
The fact is that Italy, Greece,

Spain and Portugal, have very different political traditions and economic requirements have huge public debts which taxpayers and voters may rationally decide to wipe out through inflation. The last three have relatively low lab-

our costs; this means their industries can tolerate much higher levels of wage inflation than Germany's and still remain internationally competitive. With Italy, Spain and Portugal in the club, the traditionally inflationary softcurrency nations will match the hard-currency core in terms of sheer numbers: Italy, Snain and Portugal have 106 million people between them. against the 104 million who live in Germany, Austria, The

bourg. This will leave the political balance of power with

Netherlands and

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course, EMU is not a democratic arrangement, but the weight of numbers will still matter in guiding the balance of policies set the European Central Bank. The composition of the ECB board gives the Germans even more reason for concern. Not many Germans are vet aware of this, but one of the huge concessions Herr Kohl made in the Maastricht negotiations was his agreement that the ECB would set its policies on the basis of onecountry, one-vote. Germany,

in other words, will have no

more votes on the ECB council than Italy, Spain or even Belgium. Under this voting structure, Germany could have real difficulty dominatan ECB council that luded several members of the Club Med. For these and other reasons. Herr Kohl would certainly prefer to keep the Club Med out of the first round of EMU in 1999. This initial rejection

would in no way preclude

Italy, Spain and even Greece

from being let in a year or two

later — probably on easier

terms than the ones set out at

Maastricht - once the Ger-

man public has got over its loss of the mark and EMU has become irreversible.

"But," says your friendly Club Med bond salesman, 'Kohl can't just keep Italy out if it meets the Maastricht targets. That is why last week's budget was so momentous. The Italian Government is now committed to getting its deficit down to 3 per cent of GDP come hell or high water - and if necessary it can use the accounting fiddles pio-This is nonsense. Maas-

tricht lays down five separate convergence criteria - and the 3 per cent deficit requirement is by no means the most important. Germany and France will have huge latitude in balancing these five criteria to include or exclude whichever countries they wish. But even if the decisions on membership were made with absolute fairness, it is hard to see how Italy should get in.

Probably the most important convergence criteria from an economic standpoint are the ones on inflation and longterm interest rates: average inflation in the 12 months before the decisions on membership are made must be within 1.5 percentage points of the average of the three countries with the lowest inflation in Europe; and long-term bond yields must be within two points of yields in these same countries. These two criteria are very clearly specified in the treaty and are therefore vulnerable to judi-cial challenge if they are breached. At present, Italy fails on all five of the Maastricht criteria - and by a wide margin. Even if it manages next year to get its deficit below 3 per cent (a very big if), it will still have double the debt level allowed in the treaty and will not have been

member of the ERM for two years, as required. Whether it can get its inflation below 3 cent without artificial price restraints, which will in turn boost budget deficits, is open to question.

And what of long-term interest rates? These are exquisitely sensitive to financial expectations and nods and winks from politicians and central bankers. In the next few weeks it will be interesting to see whether German poliakers, through tions and comments, try to help Italy to keep its long-term rates moving towards the German level - or decide to feed market anxieties about convergence which could immediately scupper Italy's

membership hopes. The question for Italy today is not simply whether it can somehow shoe-horn its deficit below the 3 per cent limit. It is whether this immense political effort will prove in vain simply because the Germans think of Club Med as a holiday destination, not a currency arrangement.

## **Tunnel vision** decisive in Channel battle

End to golden era of ferry companies was inevitable, says Jonathan Prynn

o who won, the ferry companies or Eurotunnel? Eventually, perhaps inevitably, it Lord Sterling who blinked first. Once it became clear that, whatever its financial problems, the Channel tunnel would never actually close, the old order at Dover and Calais was doomed.

For all the ferry companies' protestations that passengers would not abandon the joys of the briney for a 30-minute trip "in a box, in a box, in a box", as one Stena executive memorably des-cribed Le Shuttle, the punters disagreed.

Within a year of opening the tunnel, Eurotunnel had grabbed 40 per cent of the ferry companies' once lucrative market. Once the early technical problems with the trains were sorted out, holidaymakers decided that they liked the speed and convenience of the shuttle service. The blatant bribe of a twothirds reductions on dutyfree goods at the tunnel terminals probably helped.

To be fair, the ferry indus-

try scored some spectac-Stormy winter goals. underlined one Štena was of Le Shuttle's able to agree terms for a renewal of its

key advantages pooling arrangement with its French partner, SNAT, the result was a new player on the

scene at the worst possible SNAT, a French govern-ment-subsidised subsidiary of the state rail company, promptly changed its name to Sea France, added new ships to the route and perhaps sealed the fate of the

Other external factors outside even Lord Sterling's ability to control added to the unfolding financial disaster. The strength of the French makers in the Spring, while a stormy winter graphically underlined one of Le Shuttle's key competitive advantages over its sea-bound

At P&O, already under severe City pressure because of a decade of share price underperformance, the inevitability of what was happening finally dawned on the

company. The ferry operations plunged from £120 million profit a year in 1994 to barely

breakeven in the first half of

this year, and the prospect of losses loomed. It is difficult not to feel at least a twinge of sympathy for P&O. Of its main competally unsinkable, however desperate its financial plight. Two others, Britanny Ferries and Sea France, were state subsidised; and another. Stena, had the deep pockets of a private Swedish com-

pany behind it. This summer, as the insane price war between Eurotunnel and the ferry companies reached its peak. Lord Sterling was already putting out feelers to the rest of the industry about a massive rationalisation. Once lan Lang agreed in July to lift the restrictions on ferry company mergers, the entire industry

was in play Although the Stena high command initially resisted the overtures from P&O, at a talks" have been underway since last November. Lord Sterling was desperate to have a deal in place well before Christmas so a new and sustainable fare and cost

structure could ready in time for next season's brochures.

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Yesterday. the day after Eurotunnel announced

that it had also secured its future through a massive debt refinancing, the ferry merger was unveiled to the world. For the holidaymaker, the

announcement marks the end of a golden era of the cross-Channel ferry, the likes of which will not be seen again for decades. This summer it was easier and cheaper to cross the Channel than at any time since England was joined to France. Next summer, prices are certain to bounce back, although it may take further rationalisation to again make running pany an acceptably profitable business.

So it was a good week for Sir Alastair Morton. On Wednesday he announced a settlement with one foe — the banks - and on Thursday his other enemy, the ferry operators, sue for terms. Sir Alastair can retire with dignity to the Lords, perhaps to share a bench with Baron Sterling, confident of a job completed. However, it is unlikely that the ferry workers of Dover and Folkestone will ever thank him for it.

### BUSINESS LETTERS

From Mrs B. A. Ford Sir, The Managing Director of British Gas is economical with the truth in his letter

published in your Business and Finance Section on 26 September. Yes, calls to his Area Service Centre are answered - but by a recorded announcement, which requests the caller to hold - and then

me for a formight. My central heating boiler has broken down. It is subject of a three-star service contract with British Gas. under which I pay a large

cuts off. It has done this to

Boiling mad after having tried in vain to get through on the service hotline sum of money and British Gas guarantees a 24-hour

I have been telephoning British Gas at their area service number, to ask them to honour their contract, since 12 eptember.

Their machine answers my call, invites me to press a series of buttons on my handset, and then cuts my call off, every time. It is impossible to speak to a human being.

The British Telecom operators, whose help I enlisted on 12 September, told me British Gas had been cutting off calls from other customers for at least two weeks. British Gas was still cutting off my calls on 27 September, the day after the Managing Director's letter to you was published. I must have made fifty calls. There been no response whatsoever

We have finally cracked. We found a private plumber who answered his telephone and yesterday repaired our boiler. It is galling to have had to pay him, considering that we have already paid British Gas for the same service.

1 suggest Mr Wood should explain why, if his system has not collapsed, none of my calls have elicited any response for a whole formight, and why the

recorded message on the service number was not altered to reflect the true situation. I invite him to reimburse me for the cost of all those calls and the cost of the private plumber who did British Gas work for

Needless to say, when our three-star service contract expires next month we will not be renewing. It doesn't seem to be much use to us.

Yours faithfully, B. A. FORD. Glenthorne, 23 Mareschal Road, Guildford.

### The accounting chaos at British Gas does not pay me to be a good payer

From F. Paul Taylor Sir, Good payers (The Times, September 27) are not only being irritated by the chaos in the accounts department of British Gas, they are being

penalised. Because of numerous bank errors, we refuse to pay by direct debit and have opted to

use the Option Pay arrangements whereby if we pay within ten days of the meter reading date we receive a small discount of £2.

Last quarter we received our bill on a Saturday morning nine days after the meter reading and had to chase off to the Post Office to meet the deadline. This quarter we have just received our account Il days after the meter reading, making it impossible to meet the deadline for rebate. Is this a hidden way of boosting profits? Or the fat cat salaries of the management? Privatisation of British Gas

has been a disaster.

Yours faithfully F. PAUL TAYLOR. Frodsham, Cheshire.

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## Head of Sony Pictures quits disaster-prone Hollywood studio

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

ALAN LEVINE has resigned as head of Sony Picture Entertainments in a move that signals the Japanese electronic company's determination to overcome the problems that have dogged the Hollywood film studio for seven years. He looks likely to be succeeded by John Calley, the president of United Artists. Mr Levine, a former entertainment lawyer who had never run a company before his Sony appointment, was the last of the senior executives from the original disaster-prone management

Under Peter Guber, Sony Picture Entertainments, which includes the Columbia Tristar studios, became famous for its profligacy and a string of film flops that led to losses of \$3.2 billion on the entertainment operation in 1994. When

million payoff, Mr Levine took over.

Although he successfully cut costs he never demonstrated a flair for picking hit films, and turned out expensive duds. including The Fan, with Robert DeNiro, Multiplicity and Cable Guy, whose star, Jim Carrey, was paid \$20 million. He also presided over management upheavals. including the sacking two weeks ago of Mark Canton, head of Columbia Tristar.

Mr Levine's resignation, which was expected, shows the determination of Nobuyuki Idei, who became head of Sony Corporation last year, to get the Hollywood operation under control. Last year he sacked Micky Schulhof, the high-spending head of Sony's entire US operations, and has since worked hard to revamp the management team of the Hollywood studios.

He is believed to be considering

whether it is worth maintaining the troublesome investment, which Sony bought for \$3.4 billion in 1989. He is understood to have held talks with Michael Eisner of Disney, among others. Sony originally bought Columbia Tristsar to complement its electronic hardware, such as televisions and VCRs. with entertainment "software". Over the last few years, that philosophy has worn very thin at Sony.

Calley, 05, is confirmed it may represent final attempt to turn the studios around He has produced several hits, including Postcards from the Edge, Remains of the Day. Goldeneve (which revived the James Bond franchise) and The Birdcage, star-ring Robin Williams, and has good relationships with directors, including Mike Nichols, Sydney Pollack, Stanley Kubrick and John Boorman.

## Littlewoods' sales slip under pressure from Lottery rival

ency and business perfor-

THE National Lottery continues to squeeze Littlewoods. with the football pools and retail group reporting a fur-ther fall in its rival leisure business in the first half. Sales in Littlewood's leisure

business fell by 29 per cent, to £245 million, while overall group sales dipped below the El billion level to £995 million, down by 5 per cent. In the six months to June 30,

pre-tax profits for Littlewoods. which is owned by the Moores family, showed a 24 per cent fall, to £12.5 million, although 1995's results were boosted by a one-off property profit of

Stripping this out the oper-ating result for the first half profit of £4.1 million, reversing last year's loss of E4.1 shows a more encouraging million. The biggest improve-ments were seen in the home picture, with profits leaping 130 per cent, to £13.6 million. James Ross, the chairman, said that these results "clearly shopping division where sales rose by 4.5 per cent and operating profits increased by 50 per cent, to £16.5 million. demonstrate the benefits of the in spite of flat sales in its traditional home shopping business, Mr Ross said that to improve operating effici-

mance across the group". Since the Lottery began. Littlewoods has reduced staff the improvement reflected the impact of the new directordering Index Extra operanumbers from 4.000 to around 1.500. tion. The first half also saw an improving picture in its 130-The home shopping to high street retailing businesses liftstrong chain of Littlewoods ed sales by 7 per cent, to £748 million, and moved back into stores where like-for-like sales rose by 6.4 per cent.

Littlewoods is spending around £12 million this year on refurbishing its stores and opening four more, and is investing in the further development of its own ladies-wear to home furnishings Berkertex brand.

In spite of the 29 per cent fall in sales in the leisure division, cost-cutting helped to support cent to £11.5 million.

Pools takings at the begin-ning of the football season have shown an encouraging increase, Mr Ross said, while its weekly competition based on half time scores is also performing well.

With the stronger second half to come the outlook is encouraging, he said. Third quarter retail sales are up 8 per cent and the group has increased its market share. The group expects operating profits for the 12 months to be significantly ahead of last year's £77.7 million.

PERFORMER



NEWCASTLE UNITED Football Club is to step up its appeal to businessmen in the North East by offering them a chance to meet at St James's Park. The Newcastle United Business Club, officially launched yesterday, features all

Hall, chairman, sees the club as a platform for generating new commercial ventures in the region. Pictured at the launch are Freddie Fletcher, left, chief executive of Newcastle United, and John Bridge, chief executive of the Northern Development Corporation

### Financial sector optimism increases again

OPTIMISM in financial services surged sharply in the third quarter, with life insurers and building societies enjoying the largest rise in business, but share traders

expect worse times ahead.
The quarterly financial services survey by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and Coopers & Lybrand, the chartered accountant, issued yesterday reported the third consecutive quarter of sharply rising business optimism. However, not all financial

firms shared this optimism. Security trading reported a fall in confidence compared with three months ago. Security traders, and general insurers, experienced falling business volume in the third quarter.

Pat Newberry, a partner in Coopers & Lybrand, attributed the traders' gloom to expectations of higher interest rates and a belief that stock markets may have peaked. The survey further pointed

out that these traders, along with venture capitalists, did not expect business to increase in the fourth quarter.

Their pessimism was in contrast to life insurers, finance houses and building societies, which displayed soaring confidence and reported modest growth in business volume in the third quarter. Riding on strong recovery in consumer spending, these industries expect better times in the final quarter.

Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate director of economic analysis, said: "The recovery of consumer confidence is feeding through to the financial sector."

Other confidence-boosting factors included the rebound

in the domestic proper i mar-ket and the gradual rebuilding of the life insurance industry; tarnished image. Overall profitability in the

financial sector picked up more strongly than expected and a similar rise is expected

in the last quarter.

Healthy profit growth
stemmed partly from
rationalisation, particularly among insurance brokers, general insurers and building societies, which reported the largest fall in employment in

the third quarter.
Financial firms identified the level of demand as the biggest constraint on business in the coming year, rather than domestic competition, as in

### **Electronics** Boutique in better shape

THE turnaround at Electronics Boutique was underlined yesterday when the electronics products retailer reported that its loss for the half year to June 30 fell by half, to £3.26 million, on turnover of £24.3 million, up 33 per cent. The company said that 60 stores will be refurbished by mid-October and three new stores will be opened by Christmas, raising the total to 115. Sales are improving because of the popularity of new video games and the growth in personal computer ownership. The shares rose 34p to 20p.

## Hopkinsons' first profit since 1994

By Fraser Nelson

HOPKINSONS, the engioperating profit of £566,000. neering products group, returned to the black in the six months to June 30. after falling raw material prices and tighter cost controls produced taxable profits of Controls division. £411.000, against a loss of

£583,000 last time. The company, which last recorded a profit in 1994, attributed the turnround to the reforms in its core abrasives division, now strengthened by three acquisitions. Their contribution offset a 5 per cent slide in underlying sales to leave a divisional

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56 per cent more than last time. Overall, operating profit jumped from £12,000 to £692,000 after the disposal of its loss-making Gas On an underlying basis,

were £51.2 million (£49.9 million) and earnings 0.39p per share (1.23p loss). A maintained interim dividend of 0.5p will be paid on November 29. At one stage Hopkinsons'

shares rose 2p to 32p yester-

day, before falling back to

business facilities, including an executive boardroom, fax machines and computers, and

executive boxes overlooking the pitch. Sir John

## PIA inquiry postpones DBS float

DBS Financial Management, the UK's biggest independent financial adviser, has shelved its plans for flotation on the stock market because it is being investigated by the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), its regulator,

The investigation follows allegations against the board made by Kenneth Stead, DBS's former director of compliance. Ken Davy. DBS chairman, who is also on the board of PIA, said: "The whole matter started a few weeks ago. It is absolutely right and proper that the PIA carries out its own investigation. It would

**NU** helpline

besieged by

concerned

customers

By Marianne Curphey NORWICH UNION'S helpline was swamped with more

than 70.000 calls yesterday in response to the mutual life

insurer's plans to float on the

Three million of a total five million NU policyholders stand to gain from a windfall

bonanza of free shares, worth

an average £500 to each policyholder. Those with poli-

cies which mature before an

extraordinary meeting is held next spring will benefit from a

3 per cent bonus payment on

the maturity value of his or

her policy.

Most of the queries were over the size of the bonus, but

NU is not giving details of

individual payouts until nearer the flotation date. The

value of the share distribution

will depend on market condi-

Other callers were con-

cerned that they would lose

out on their entitlement

because they were not the first-

named person on a endow-

ment or life policy. Like other

mutuals which decided to float, NU has made a strict

rule of only paying shares to

the first-named on documents.

NU appears to have learnt

from the mistakes of other companies which decided to

demutualise. By ensuring a

very wide range of policyholders will benefit from the

payout, NU has side-stepped a policyholder revolt.

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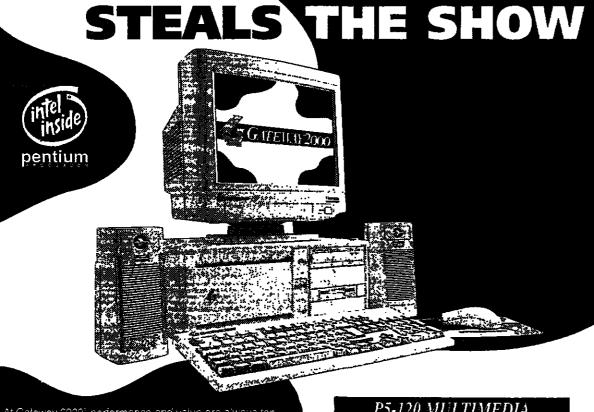
stock market.

DBS commissioned a leading firm of solicitors to look into the allegations made by Mr Stead. The company claims that the most serious charges have not been substantiated. Mr Stead, who was with DBS for seven years, has now resigned at the board's request.

Mr Davy claims that the findings of the

procedures since Mr Stead's allegations. He added: "We hope that this armouncement puts everything in perspective. It does not affect anything we have said

The company is already listed on AIM and planned to be the first firm to move month. The price of shares fell around 10 per cent from 481p on the news that the float was to be postponed. Last year, when the company came to market, shares were trading at 145p. There are 2,500 small firms under the DBS umbrella.



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be quite ridiculous to issue a prospectus for the float until that investigation has been completed."

report have no financial bearing on its plans for a full listing, but added that his company had reviewed a number of its

previously about the company." from AIM to a full quote at the end of last

### **CANADIAN OVERSEAS PACKAGING INDUSTRIES LIMITED**

**EARNINGS ANNOUNCEMENT** Audited results for the year to 30th June 1996

(all funds expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars except for

(C\$000) (C\$000) C\$180,645 C\$159,912 Earnings from Operations 9,505 Less: Minority Interest <u>434</u> <u> 286</u> 6,362 9,071 investment income 8,100 9,129 Gain on Sale of Marketable Securities 13,478 Share in net earnings of affiliated companies subject to significant influence 14,402 2.489 Gain on sale of company subject to significant influence 1,735 Foreign Currency Gains 210 544 Earnings before taxation 34,711 38,666 Taxation 3,134 2,895 **Net Earnings** C\$31,816 C\$35,532 Earnings per Common Share

The Directors today have declared a regular dividend on the 17,578,125 Common Shares N.P.V. payable to Shareholders registered at the close of business on 15th November 1996 at the rate of 70 cents (Canadian) per share. The comparative figure for 1995 was 65 cents per share. The payment date for this dividend is 6th December 1996.

date for this daydeno is our Lesember 1996. The Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th June 1996 together with the Notice of the Thirty Fifth Annual Meeting will be posted to Shareholders on the 18th October 1996 with the usual press announcement eppearing the same day. The Thirty Fifth Annual Meeting will be held on 3rd December 1996. Full details will be circulated with the Notice of the Meeting.

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